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HELEN TO REPLACE WIDDY



A **SUCCESSFUL** business-woman attracted into politics by Conservative leader David Cameron will bid to replace Ann Widdecombe as the county town's MP.

Helen Grant, 43, has been projected as the new face of the Tory party since being added to Cameron's 'A' list of preferred candidates in 2006.

The opposition leader vowed to make his party more socially inclusive when he took the top job, which

■ **BY JON COATES**

inspired Mrs Grant to join the Tories.

She is a solicitor with a strong record on championing social equality and diversity, and combating domestic violence, and was quickly elevated into the 'A' list after joining the party.

Mrs Grant was elected as the prospective parliamentary candidate for Maidstone and Weald at the next General Election after a selection day on Sunday.

She gave an impressive perform-

ance when grilled by Have I Got News For You star Ian Hislop in front of about 500 local party members at Oakwood House.

The married mother of two was unveiled as the winner of the selection race by Miss Widdecombe, who announced her retirement in October.

In doing so she beat current Hornchurch and Rainham MP James Brokenshire, the Shadow Rural Affairs Minister, who will be losing his seat at the next election due to a boundary change.

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Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON



JULIE MADDOCKS JOINS YOURKENTTV

FORMER BBC presenter Julie Maddocks has joined KOS Media, publishers of Yourmaidstone, as part of its broadband television team at Yourkenttv.co.uk.

As the new face of KOS Media, Julie, who left her popular afternoon show on Radio Kent in September, will be at events all over the county with our camera crews, working across all of our newspaper titles and websites.

Julie said: "The people of Kent are passionate about what they do and KOS Media provides a great platform. I think Yourkenttv can really plug into the county spirit. There are so many stories to tell."

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DON'T BE FOOLED: Leaflets warning against conmen have been posted through letterboxes

Scheme to drive out con artists and cold callers

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

A NEW scheme has been launched to stop rogue traders and doorstep conmen cold-calling at homes.

A Cold-Calling Control Zone was launched in Shepway and Senacre on Monday to protect families from unscrupulous builders, roofers and salesmen, as well as thieves.

Leaflets giving advice were put through letterboxes of more than 500 homes in the areas of the county town.

A Trading Standards spokesman said: "We support the introduction of Cold-Calling Controlled Zones in areas such as those selected in Maidstone, where information suggests there may be an increased risk of unwanted practices taking place."

A presentation will be given at Greenborough Close, in Shepway, on Monday at 3pm, as well as the following day at Shepway Court, in Shepway, and again on Wednesday at Bethersden Court, in Senacre, to spread the message.

Signs will also go up in the allocated roads, highlighting that it is a Cold Calling Control Zone. Cold callers prey on the elderly or vulnerable.

The three venues holding the public presentations will have afternoon tea

and will be attended by a number of agencies/utility companies with their stalls.

They will bring along their identification badges to show to the public so they are able to identify a genuine caller.

The scheme is headed by Maidstone & District Neighbourhood Watch Association and the police, and is supported by Kent Trading Standards, Maidstone council and Maidstone Housing Trust.

Lorraine Hemphrey, Neighbourhood Watch liaison officer, said: "Residents in Maidstone face problems with bogus workmen and distraction burglary."

"It is now well established that this type of crime and rogue traders are often linked."

"These control zones are part of the council and police's joint partnership to make Maidstone a safer place and stamp out this type of crime in the county town."

Cold callers can often be intimidating and very persistent. They often tell the resident urgent repairs need to be done to their home, panicking them into agreeing to unnecessary work.

Sometimes they will increase the price as the job progresses, often not finishing the work, which is of a very poor standard the majority of the time.

Residents who want to report cold callers should call the Rogue Trader Hotline on 08454 040506.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman dies after head on car smash

A YOUNG woman has died in hospital after her car was involved in a head-on collision in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The 25-year-old woman was fatally injured when her Peugeot 206 collided with a Vauxhall Astra on Boxley Road in Maidstone at 2.15am.

Police said the Peugeot driver was taken to Maidstone Hospital, where she died from her injuries.

The driver of the other car escaped with minor injuries.

Firms warned over fake charity boxes

BUSINESSES have been targeted by heartless criminals who conned them into displaying fake charity boxes.

Firms in the county town have been asked to display boxes asking staff and visitors to donate £1 in exchange for a bag of sweets to raise funds for the Dogs for the Disabled charity.

Police launched an investigation when it emerged the charity did not use this method to raise money.

Three people have been questioned and released on bail.

Pedigree pooch stolen from back garden

POLICE have appealed for information after a pedigree dog worth £1,000 was taken from the back garden of a home.

Mush, a black Spaniel with a small white mark on his chest, was stolen when thieves forced open his locked kennels in Maidstone Road, Lenham, on January 12.

The dog is 12 and may have been stolen for breeding purposes, but as it is deaf and walks with a limp, police fear it may have been abandoned.

Pastor scheme to help reduce street crime

VOLUNTEERS are needed to listen and offer advice to people on the streets of the county town.

Police are recruiting for Kent's first Street Pastor Scheme, which aims to reduce night-time economy crime.

Chief Superintendent Alistair Hope said: "Although the first of its kind in Kent, the Street Pastor Scheme has been trialled in many major cities in the UK and has a proven track record in reducing crime."

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Helen to take over from Ann

Private Eye editor helped-choose new Tory candidate

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

A FAMILY lawyer has been chosen as the Tory candidate to succeed Ann Widdecombe at the next General Election.

Helen Grant, a former judo champion, beat off the competition of eight high-profile candidates at a final selection meeting – dubbed the Big Event – on Sunday.

The nine candidates were grilled by Private Eye editor Ian Hislop in front of local party association members at Oakwood House in Maidstone.

The association's executive council, made up of councillors from Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells wards, then made the final decision.

Former Shadow Home Secretary Miss Widdecombe, who is standing down after 20 years in office, announced her successor at 7.30pm after a long day of interviews.

First

Mrs Grant, a married mother-of-two from Croydon, will now stand as Conservative candidate for the Maidstone and Weald seat at the next election. If elected she will be the county's first black MP.

Maidstone and Weald is the second safest Tory seat in Kent, with a majority of more than 11,000.

Her selection is a major boost for Tory leader David Cameron's bid to make his party more inclusive for women and ethnic minorities.

Mrs Grant said she was "delighted" with her victory as she thanked asso-

ciation members: "Ann has been a high profile and eminent MP, and she's also a very good person.

"All I can say is I will strive to maintain the integrity that she has given.

"I feel thoroughly overwhelmed. It feels very much like the first day of the rest of my life and I promise I will not let you down. Thank you so much for believing and voting for me."

Spoilt

She added: "I will be going to an estate agent's this week with the aim of buying a home in the most beautiful part of the country – I will be spoilt for choice."

Mrs Grant ended her acceptance speech with a quote from Indian independence leader Mahatma Gandhi: "It's first they ignore you, then they laugh at you and then they fight you, and then you win."

Miss Widdecombe, who is planning to retire to Dartmoor in Devon to walk her dogs and write books, said: "It is a great relief that someone has now been selected, the process has been going on for a long time now and we have chosen an obviously very good candidate."

"All I wanted was for the candidate to win on merit. I am pleased to say that was the case – the right person won, she will create her own legacy."

Mrs Grant, who is in her early 40s, was born in London and brought up by her single mother on a council estate in Carlisle.

She is the owner of Grants Solicitors, a firm which deals with the problems of family breakdowns in London, Surrey and Kent.

The former under-16 Judo champion of the North of England and



Picture: LAUREN MUMFORD

DECISION: Ann Widdecombe MP will be succeeded by Helen Grant as the next Conservative parliamentary candidate to contest Maidstone and Weald

Southern Scotland, is also a member of the Law Society Equality and Diversity Committee.

Mrs Grant was on Tory leader David Cameron's 'A' list of preferred candidates for MPs from 2006 and was previously shortlisted for the London constituency of Hammersmith and for Sutton and Cheam last year.

The Maidstone and Weald Conservative Association received 98 applications for the coveted seat and selected 22 candidates for interview last month. They were cut down to 11 – nine candidates and two reserves – to go forward to Sunday's decider.

Have I Got News For You star Ian Hislop, from Sissinghurst, grilled the nine for 30 minutes each from 9.45am and a panel selected a shortlist of five for the final vote yesterday evening.



SUCCESSOR: Helen Grant with Ann Widdecombe MP and the chairman of Maidstone and Weald Conservative Association Alan Chell after the selection was decided

Design a mascot and win £2,000 for your school

FERRY operators Norfolkline are asking for primary school children across the county to help them name a mascot for their fleet of three new ships.

Later this year the company plan to introduce entertainment on board vessels for children on the Dover to Dunkerque run.

The mascots will be on hand to entertain the children during the two hour crossing and the names can be just about anything, no cross channel or nautical theme is necessary.

To accompany all the entries to the competition – which is also being run by Kosmedia – contestants need to include a written description of how the mascot would appear as well as a potted history of the thoughts and ideas that have gone in to its creation.

The winning entry will win £2,000 for their school. Prizes of a return ferry crossing are also on offer to the runners up.

• See page 15 for more details.

Poor sales force shop closure

A WELL-known chain of shoe stores has gone into administration after poor sales at the end of last year – putting hundreds of jobs at risk.

Staff of long-running high street retailer Dolcis, which has a store at The Mall shopping centre, are facing redundancy after sales plummeted for the third consecutive month in December.

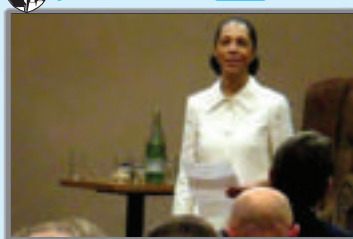
Even huge savings in the winter sale couldn't tempt enough customers through its doors.

Advisory firm KPMG have been brought in for talks with bosses at the troubled company and are currently reviewing the business, aiming to continue trading with as many of the 185 branches as possible while looking for a buyer.

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Black tie Valentine's Ball for town's youngsters

YOUNG people have been invited to get dressed up to celebrate Valentine's Day in style.

The annual Valentine's Ball, organized by Maidstone Youth Forum, will take place on February 15 for youngsters aged 14-21.

It will be a fun-packed formal evening free from smoke and alcohol, and includes music from DJ Dan from TV show Human Guinea Pigs and Cha Cha Cha dance lessons.

The ball will have a masquerade theme and is being held at Maidstone Leisure Centre.

Dedication gets its own reward from the Mayor

LONG-serving council staff have been rewarded for their commitment to public service at an award ceremony this week.

Maidstone council recognised 18 workers' dedication at the event at Maidstone Museum.

The workers, who have nearly 400 years of service between them, received awards for 20 and 25 years of commitment from the Mayor of Maidstone Richard Ash.

Council leader Fran Wilson said: "People mean everything to the council."

Run and toss pancakes for Heart of Kent Hospice

TV PRESENTERS are calling on businesses to dust off their running shoes and pull out a frying pan to help raise money for charity.

The Heart of Kent Hospice will be holding its annual pancake race on February 5, which will see ITV Meridian presenters Sangeeta Bhabra and Ian Axton along with teams of fundraisers, running through Fremlin Walk tossing pancakes as they go.

The entry fee is £50 with the opportunity to raise more sponsorship. For more details call Stephen Fuller on 01622 790195.

Kitchen star flies in to join team at The Swan

AN AWARD-winning cook who has been praised by a top celebrity chef has joined a popular Michelin-listed brasserie.

Scott Goss, whose talent for cooking was spotted by Gary Rhodes, has joined the team at The Swan in West Malling as new head chef.

The young chef has built up a huge amount of experience from catering for the likes of Margaret Thatcher and the Queen at three state functions at Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle, and cooking under the watchful eye of Mr Rhodes.

Small council tax increase promised

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

RESIDENTS in the county town will benefit from one of the lowest predicted council tax rises in Kent.

Maidstone council has announced its share of council tax is expected to increase by around three per cent from April, which means a £6 a year increase for the average band D property.

Kent County Council announced its rise for next year will be 3.9 per cent, which works out as £37.62 for the same band.

This means the total council tax bill for the average home in the county town will increase by around £44 from April.

A council spokesman said: "We have not yet set our council budget for 2008/09.

"The final decision will be made at a full council meeting on February 27, but our council tax increase is expected to be around three per cent, which is about £6 a year more for a Band D taxpayer."

People living in Swale and Dover have been warned to expect an increase of around 4.95 per cent next year.

Before budget talks Maidstone council invited the public to take part in its online budget simulator in December, where residents helped set this year's budget.

At that time the council aimed to keep the increase to a maximum of around three per cent, in which it has succeeded.

People taking part each looked at the different areas covered by the council's budget and decided whether more or less money would be spent on each area.



Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

COUNTY HALL: Kent County Council's increase of 3.9 per cent will add nearly £38 to Maidstone's council tax bills

At the end of the simulator the participant was told how much they had either increased or lowered council tax and how the areas they lowered spending would change their bill.

This bump up in tax follows an announcement from Kent County Council leader Paul Carter on Monday that the county's residents will see a 3.9 per cent rise in its share of their council tax – which also includes funding for police and firefighters.

This will increase council tax for band D

properties by £37.62 next year.

KCC blames the increase on smaller subsidies from central government, saying that the government favours Northern and metropolitan areas, which makes South East taxpayers suffer.

Mr Carter said: "It has appeared for some time that the Government looks towards helping other areas of the country at the expense of the South East."

Maidstone council will decide its exact council tax rise on February 27.

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Hike blamed on Government

KENT County Council leader Paul Carter said he was disappointed by the lack of funding from central government, forcing it to increase its share of council tax by 3.9 per cent next year.

Mr Carter, pictured left, said: "To provide our services – such as highways, social care and education, we are dependent upon two sources of funding.

"The majority is government grant – redistribution from taxation and commercial rates on shops and offices, etc. The second and smaller component is council tax.

"For the last three years we have been given less grant from government than the rate of inflation. "If we exclude schools, just to stand still and

the current rate of inflation, we need an extra £33 million. The government has given us an additional £9m."

The authority is also working alongside others to attempt to get money it claims it is owed by the Government.

This includes a sum which they feel should be reimbursed which has been spent on looking after asylum seeking minors without families.

Council chiefs say the budget increase has been put forward in a bid to protect frontline services and has support among the opposition parties.

The budget now needs to be approved by the council's cabinet on February 6 and by its full council 13 days later.

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GUINEA PIG: Ken Earle (left) at the time of the sarin chemical weapon tests, and at home today (right)

Nerve gas servicemen win apology

THE Ministry of Defence has offered £3 million compensation and an apology to veterans who acted as guinea pigs for chemical weapons tests at Porton Down.

Around 360 ex-servicemen say they were tricked into taking part in what they thought were cold remedy tests at the research centre in Wiltshire during the 1950s and 60s.

However, many were given forms of the deadly sarin nerve agent and say they have suffered lasting health damage.

One of the main voices leading the campaign has been Maidstone ex-serviceman Ken Earle, who runs the support group for victims.

He said: "The most important thing is that we are going to get an apology."

"That's what we want – an apology for what they did to us."

Approximately 90 per cent of the soldiers have agreed to accept £8,300 each and an apology.

But others say the MoD is bullying them by insisting everyone accepts the offer before it releases the funds.

The compensation follows years of campaigning by the men, many of whom say

■ BY NICK AMES

exposure to the gas left them with skin diseases and psychological problems.

Mr Earle explained that he had been told the research was looking into ways to combat the common cold.

The experiments took place in 1953 – and he remembered the exact date as it was the day of the FA Cup Final.

The MoD commissioned a review of the experiments after a 2004 inquest ruled Royal Air Force mechanic Ronald Maddison, who died in that year, had been unlawfully killed.

He was tested at the same time as Mr Earle and both men received doses of sarin, developed by the Nazis and used by terrorists in an attack on the underground system in Tokyo in 1995 which killed 12 people, injured 50 and caused temporary sight problems for more than 1,000.

Mr Earle said: "I didn't find out the significance of it until 1999 when I read in the newspapers that Wiltshire police had begun an investigation."

"I volunteered for 10 shillings extra for five days work and a weekend pass meant I could get home to see my girlfriend without hitch-hiking."

Landlord laments the smoking ban

PUB owners fear they will have to close due to the increasing number of smokers choosing to drink at home.

Six months after the introduction of the smoking ban they say their businesses are suffering, with former regulars not enjoying a cigarette with a pint after a hard day's work the biggest setback.

Colin Beck, landlord of The Dragon in Sandling Road, said his pub no longer puts on entertainment due to the impact of the controversial ban.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Twelve drivers fined as cops target phones

A CRACKDOWN on motorists using mobile phones while driving was launched in the county town this week.

Marked and unmarked police cars stopped drivers in James Whatman Way, near the White Rabbit pub, during Monday's rush hour to educate them about the dangers of not concentrating.

Twelve drivers were given £60 fines and three points on their licence after they were caught ignoring the law. There will be an increased police presence during the clamp-down to act as a deterrent to talkative drivers.

Research carried out by the Transport Research Laboratory has shown someone using a mobile while driving has reaction times 30 per cent slower than if they were driving at the UK's legal alcohol limit.

Using a mobile phone when driving means drivers do not have both hands on the wheel and don't have full control of their vehicle.

In an incident or crash the use of any handheld phone could lead to charges of careless or dangerous driving, with penalties ranging from heavy fines, endorsement, disqualification and, in serious cases, imprisonment, if convicted.

Post your birthday card to the town's art gallery

MAIDSTONE Museum and Bentsley Art Gallery is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

To help mark the occasion the public have been invited to send a birthday card or postcard detailing their earliest memories of the attractions.

These will be displayed during events and exhibitions to mark the landmark throughout this year.

Postcards to use are available from the museum reception.

The museum first opened in 1858 as the Charles Museum, housed in Chillington Manor, the former Elizabethan home of Dr Thomas Charles, who gave his possessions to the town in 1855.

Commemorating the heroes from the Buffs

WAR heroes past and present have received a commemorative scroll from the council to mark the 250th anniversary of their regiment.

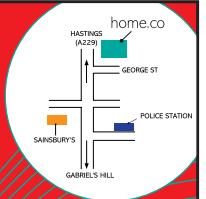
The 50th Foot Regiment, which was formed in 1756 and later renamed as the Queen's Own Buffs Association, celebrated its birthday on Monday.

Maidstone Mayor Richard Ash presented the scroll to the regiment, which is based in the town, at Maidstone Town Hall.

Representatives from Maidstone council, Maidstone Museum and the Queen's Own Buffs attended the event.

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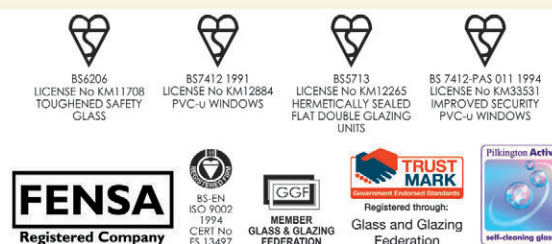
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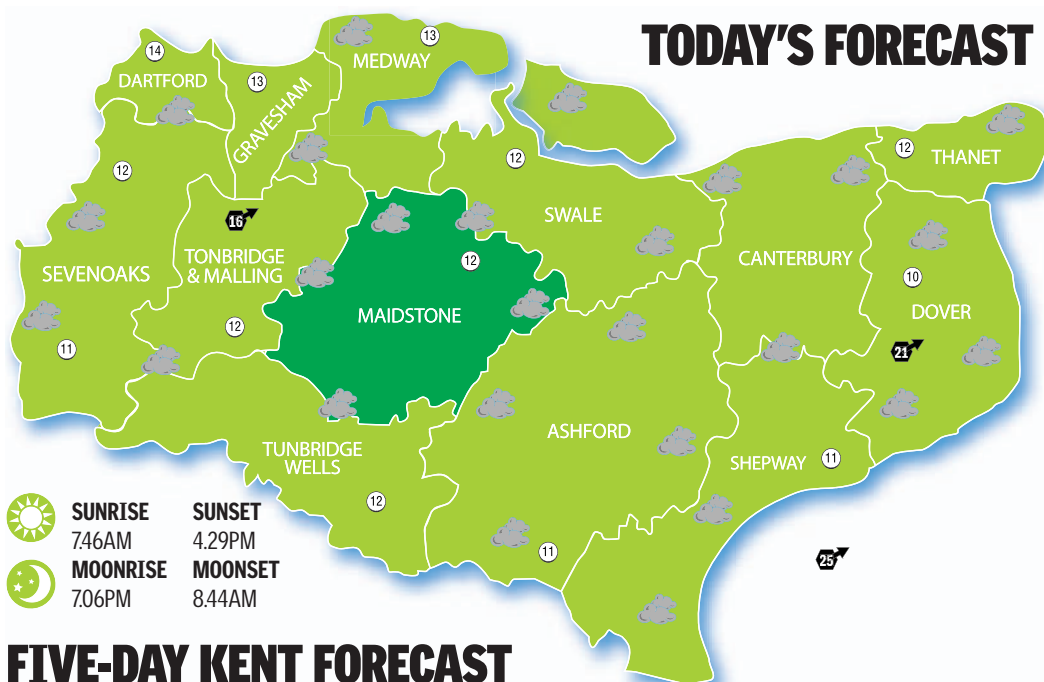


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WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	2:03pm	6.1m
	Sunday	2:44pm	6.1m
Dover	Saturday	12:17pm	6.5m
	Sunday	12:55pm	6.5m
Dungeness	Saturday	12:11pm	7.5m
	Sunday	12:52pm	7.4m
Ramsgate	Saturday	12:47pm	5.0m
	Sunday	1:25pm	4.9m
Sheerness	Saturday	1:53pm	5.8m
	Sunday	2:34pm	5.8m
Whitstable	Saturday	2:11pm	5.3m
	Sunday	2:52pm	5.3m



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Athens	14°C	New York	-4°C
Barcelona	13°C	Paris	11°C
Beijing	-4°C	Rome	10°C
Bombay	28°C	Sydney	22°C
Cape Town	26°C	Tenerife	23°C
Cardiff	10°C	Tokyo	5°C
Gibraltar	16°C	Vancouver	6°C
Hong Kong	19°C	Warsaw	8°C
Las Palmas	21°C	Wellington	22°C

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Canterbury	11°C	12°C	10°C	11°C	11°C	Maidstone	12°C	11°C	11°C	12°C	11°C
Chatham	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C	Ramsgate	11°C	12°C	10°C	11°C	11°C
Dartford	12°C	12°C	11°C	12°C	11°C	Rochester	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C
Dover	10°C	10°C	10°C	10°C	9°C	Sevenoaks	10°C	10°C	10°C	10°C	10°C
Faversham	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C	Sittingbourne	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C
Folkestone	10°C	10°C	10°C	10°C	9°C	Tonbridge	11°C	10°C	12°C	11°C	10°C
Gillingham	12°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C	Tun Wells	11°C	10°C	12°C	11°C	10°C

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IN BUSINESS: 220 places in Maidstone have been rated

Eateries get new 'Scores on Doors'

CONSUMERS can make an informed choice about where to eat or buy food thanks to a new rating scheme.

The 'Scores on Doors' scheme, which was set up by Maidstone council and supported by the Food Standards Agency, gives restaurants, cafes and pubs a star rating to ensure that consumers can dine in confidence.

When a business is inspected, the council's food and safety team will give it a score based on food hygiene, building structure and how well they abide with the law. Each business will then be given a rating from zero to five stars. Five is excellent, with no stars very poor.

So far 220 businesses in Maidstone have been given a star rating and have received a certificate and sticker to display in their shop window or door.

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DOMINIC KING



Q Give us a brief rundown of a typical day for Dominic King...

A Is there ever such a thing as a typical day? But I must admit I am a creature of habit, so when I arrive at the BBC's studios in Tunbridge Wells I go and get myself a cup of BBC tea (then I remember it's awful and nip out to buy one with a real teabag in).

I check my emails and then look at what's happening in Kent and around the world, using the BBC's news resources. I might start off interviewing guests who will feature in the programme and clicking onto websites to see what people are talking about.

The best bit is seeing what music I'm going to play and I start to sort through my post to see what new releases I've been sent, or ideas someone has suggested for the programme.

Like most jobs, I grab some lunch, usually 'al desko', curse the printer for running out of paper and then look forward to doing the show and heading home.

Q How much daily preparation goes into a radio show?

A It varies, but for a three-hour radio programme, you can expect to add about five hours of preparation, organising guests and visiting locations across the county recording interviews. And you know what Kent's roads can be like, which is why my day is eight hours long and not three.

It's also one of those jobs where ideas pop up while you're out and about or on a day off, especially at weekends.

So I'll often send an email to myself from home to work, so I don't forget.

Q What is your passion in life?

A I love music and films, but a passion for me is the countryside.

A good walk is something I really enjoy. You'll often find me wandering around Bedgebury Forest near Goudhurst, walking near Dungeness, or along Dover's promenade.

Q What is your worst habit?

A One bad habit is watching all the new movies before my wife Amanda gets to see them, so she says "Do you fancy seeing this one?" and I annoyingly reply "I've seen it".

I recently watched five films on a plane back from Washington and as they are now being shown on Satellite TV I'm again saying "I've seen that one".

Q If your house was on fire, what would be the first material object you'd rescue (and why)?

A I would probably rescue my external hard drive – it's got family photos on and my favourite interviews I have done over the years.

Q Away from Radio Kent, what are your hobbies and interests?

A Along with film and music, I like fishing from time to time, too. But I only occasionally catch anything.

Q Do you have any favourite films, TV shows or books?

A I love The Shawshank Redemption, starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. It is an amazing film about life in an American prison.

On the film's 10th anniversary I was lucky enough to speak to the director Frank Darabont, which was a real honour.

I have a signed publicity poster by him which is one of my prized possessions that would be the next item I'd save from a fire.

I was also a big fan of West Wing, and I loved 24. Not the BBC news channel, but the US drama starring Keifer Sutherland, and I currently like Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip and the BBC's The Tudors.

Q What is your favourite area of Kent?

A East Kent is my favourite place, because that is really home. I was born in Dover and lived in Folkestone while growing up. The Romney Marsh is a place I enjoy walking around – I love the Royal Military Canal and Dungeness is wonderful.

Q Do you see yourself ever calling anywhere other than Kent home?

A No, never. I am certain about that and although I have worked in London, Kent is home. Why move to another county when you have this one, the best county in Britain?

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QA BBC Radio Kent's Dominic King talks to Rob Livingstone about his passionate love of walking around the Kent countryside, relaxing in front of the television and how a day in his life is far from average



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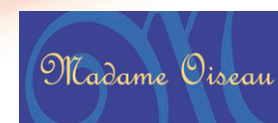
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Roger de Haan was among those attending the opening of Folkestone University this month by Michael Howard

EDITOR'S CHOICE

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New recruit Julie continuing to keep Kent in the picture

BY GARETH ARNOLD

SHE is known to much of the county through her BBC radio programmes and as Invicta FM's inimitable eye in the sky – and now Julie Maddocks has joined KOS Media to continue bringing you the Kent stories that matter.

As the new face of KOS Media, Julie will be out and about with a camera crew, working across our titles and providing content for our growing websites. And you can see for yourself what she's been up to on our free broadband site www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Yet despite being at the centre of the county's media for more than a decade, Julie says she never intended to go into broadcasting.

Having begun as a secretary in the sales department at the fledgling Invicta Radio in 1985, Julie had done a few voiceovers, but nothing could prepare her for the job she was offered out of the blue one day.

She said: "Invicta had this idea for the 'eye in the sky', but had no one to present it. I didn't want to do the role; I didn't know anything about the county's roads. I didn't even know how to get to Headcorn airfield.

"It was an almighty fluke that I became a broadcaster. I was just in the right place at the right time."



But soon thousands of drivers relied on Invicta's groundbreaking eye in the sky – a Cessna light aircraft nicknamed 'Jambuster Jerry' – to provide the latest updates on their daily commute.

But despite her popularity, Julie didn't endear herself to everybody on the county's roads.

Freelanced

She said: "When they were expanding the A249, near Detling, into a dual carriageway, it seemed to be taking ages. It became a bit of a running joke – we'd fly over every morning and say 'the A249 looks exactly the same'.

"Apparently some of the builders got so annoyed about it they spent the morning spelling out 'Up yours Julie' in cones. You could only read it from the air. Think how much they could have got done in that time."

After literally earning her wings –

PASTURES NEW:

Former BBC Radio Kent presenter Julie Maddocks has joined KOS Media and will be out and about with a camera crew to provide content for our ever-growing Yourkenttv.co.uk website (left)

Julie qualified as a pilot during her five years reporting from the air – she freelanced in front of the TV camera and guest-presented dozens of BBC shows until, in 2001, she was offered a staff contract and her own slot.

She said: "It was a magazine programme that reflected the people in Kent. If it was happening in Kent we would hopefully feature it on the radio. We covered all sorts of subjects during the years.

"I'll be continuing this sort of thing at KOS Media, across all the Yourkenttv channels. There is nothing like it at a regional level and it is definitely a forerunner of things to come. I'm sure others will follow what we're doing here.

"The people of Kent are passionate about what they do and we can provide a platform. I think Yourkenttv.co.uk can plug into that spirit in the county. There are so many stories to tell."



Picture GARETH ARNOLD



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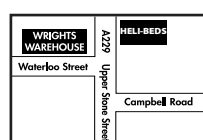
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Ladies, defy gravity and get fit with confidence

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

WOMEN looking to get in shape for the New Year have been urged to try a fitness craze sweeping the country – pole dancing.

The gravity-defying dancing has long been seen as seedy and sleazy through its connections with gentlemen's clubs and strip joints.

But it has now moved out of the shadows, and is being recognised as a performance art and a fitness favourite for thousands of women nationwide.

Pole dance fans include Kelly Brook, Teri Hatcher, Lindsay Lohan and Kate Hudson.

Performers say it is a great way to lose a few pounds and get fit for women who are bored with the gym and want a fun way of developing their body tone, confidence, suppleness and flexibility.

Pole dancing schools are cropping up across the county and the art is being taught at several leisure centres.

Emma Smith, 24, a pole dance instructor at Topnotch, said: "I have a fitness background so coming out of my comfort zone and moving into pole dancing three and a half years ago was a big step for me, at that time nowhere did any classes and I wanted to be challenged.

"Maidstone took to it really well – I went from just two classes at the beginning to seven a week, teaching five different group levels.

Challenge

"I've now taken my classes to Tunbridge Wells. People there aren't taking to it quite as well as Maidstone, they still see it as sleazy but I'm hoping to overcome that, they're a tougher bunch to crack but I want a challenge and to change people's perceptions of it."

This fun form of performing art is proven to build muscle tone and confidence, while producing bundles of giggles along the way.

"This class is by far the most rewarding I



SHAPE UP: Jo Roper shows how to tone your body and improve confidence with the new fitness craze

teach, pole dancing is graceful and gymnastic.

"The results I have seen are amazing, some people have lost a lot of weight, others self esteem have shot up and it's helped people overcome back problems.

"It's really changed their lives," Miss Smith added.

Pole dancing is believed to have started in clubs in Canada in the late 1980s and only over the last two or three years has it been taken out of seedy strip joints and into dance studios.

Jo Roper, from The Goddess School of Pole Dancing, said: "I have women from 16 to 60 in my classes. Almost one in three girls has tried pole dancing and many have their own poles.

"I have girls who do business dinners, wedding parties and teach other women themselves. The demand wasn't there for pole dancing a few years ago, it is now."



BIG FAN: Kelly Brook keeps in shape by pole dancing

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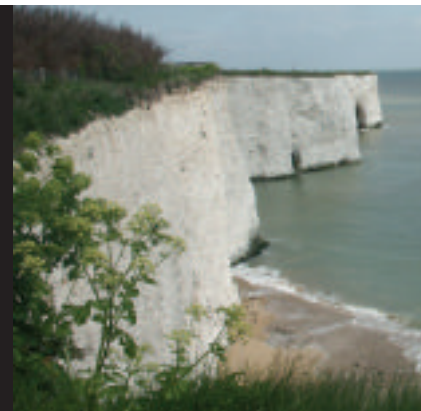
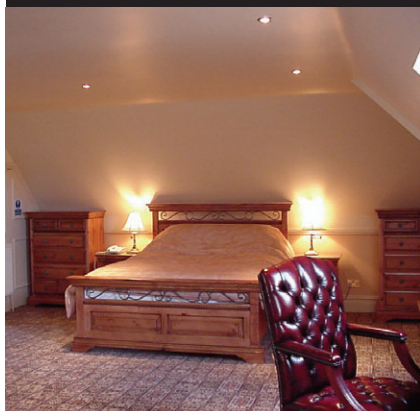
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What happened to proper snow? Not the stuff we have had for the last couple of years which appears overnight and by the afternoon has melted to nothing. I mean proper, long lasting, weeks on end, Trans-Siberian, SNOW!

A couple of weeks ago there was at least the prospect of some. People in my office were looking outside excitedly to see if the sleet that briefly appeared might start to lie properly. They talked of terrible snow-filled adventures of the past when they had to wear mittens joined by a piece of string.

The police even issued serious warnings to motorists to be prepared for the worst. This included extra clothing, a pick and shovel, tyre chains, food for three months, a wind up radio, a mobile phone, satellite navigation, a portable generator, a skidoo and, if you could get it into the back of your Fiat Panda, a yak.

And I wish the Met Office would stop issuing

these 'severe' weather warnings. It just gets everybody's hopes up unnecessarily; three times this year they have anticipated serious events that have come to nothing.

They should spend a bit less time warning people about the weather and more time predicting it.

Anyway, I don't want people warned; let's face it there's nothing like watching other people's valuables being swept down the middle of a flooded high street to really make one feel better about oneself, and the smart decision to buy a house somewhere else.

I know they have had some quite bad snow in the north of the country and I say lucky them. I don't think we have had a serious winter for at least 20 years now.

When I was a kid I remember snow being around till the end of March. Once we had a whole week off school. We spent hours sabotaging those boilers.

When else can you pelt someone with ice packed projectiles and not be done for assault; claiming it's all just a bit of fun?

When can I next stuff snow down the back of

my brother's jumper and tell him not to be such a wimp when he starts crying. He may be 42 but I'm still going to do it.

Winters must have been worse then. My Uncle Frank even used to have an old pair of snow shoes hanging up on the wall of the garage. The things that look like tennis racquets strapped to your feet. They must have been vital for his trips to the newsagents to get his St Bruno ready rubbed pipe tobacco.

We need snow. It breaks up the monotony of the long winters and helps to keep the rhythm of the seasons. In fact what happened to seasons? Now we just seem to have two. April to October is a weird mixture of spring and summer, or Sprummer as perhaps it should be called, when anything can happen from drought to a plague of frogs.

The rest of the year is a new season called grey.

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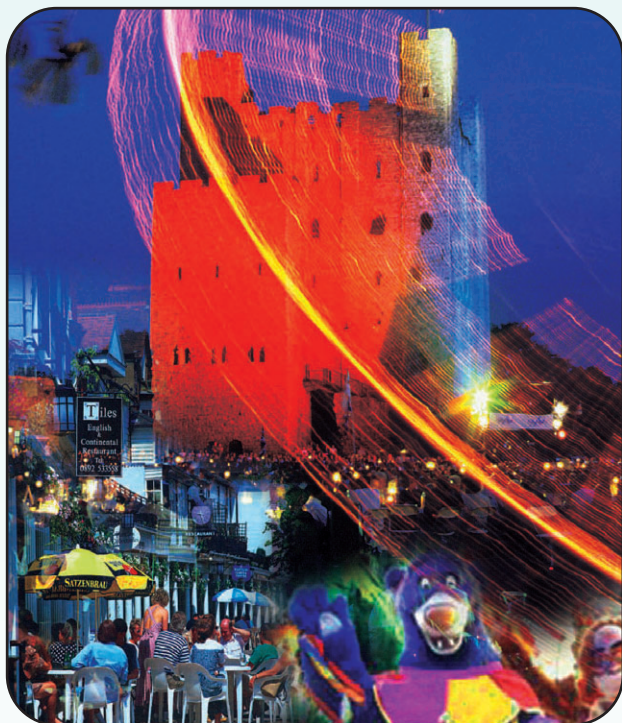
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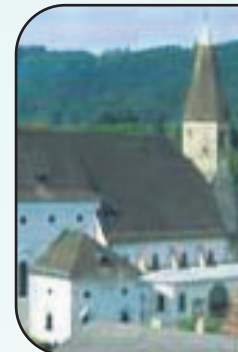
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CHILDREN IN NEED: Eleanor Meade is looking for people to look after and raise youngsters who have lost their parents

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■ BY NICK AMES

FOSTER care agency Family Matters is on the lookout across Kent to find people who want to look after and raise children.

The Folkestone-based agency is run by husband and wife team Antony and Eleanor Meade and provides help and support to a network of carers.

Both part-time and full-time, the dedicated workers give their time and efforts to look after children who have lost their natural parents one way or another.

Mrs Meade explained she is looking for other people to take on the demanding but rewarding role in what is a business – but run like an extended family.

She said: "Family Matters says it all really – we offer support, training and expertise to our carers, who currently number around 30.

"Not all of them look after the children all the time and in some cases our carers look after more than one child in a family group situation.

"When emergencies happen we ensure everyone stays connected with each other.

"No carers or children are ever left alone."

The business was formed several years ago when Mr and Mrs Meade became concerned at the lack of support available to them in their own role as carers.

"Frankly what we were offered left a lot to be desired," said Eleanor. "Then a couple of

friends approached us and asked us if they could become carers as well. I almost said don't do it – but luckily stopped myself.

"It was then we decided to do the job ourselves.

"There are so many children out there who need this sort of help from people who will stick with them through thick and thin."

Now Family Matters is on a drive to recruit more carers across the county.

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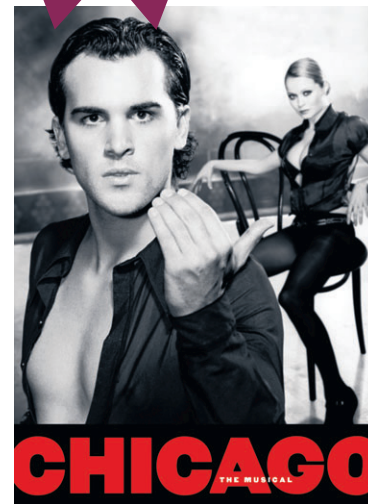
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Norfolkline and KOS Media are inviting all primary schools throughout the county to enter.

Entries can be sent in either as a school group, school children independently, but sent in with a counter signature by the form teacher. Three suggestions of names are permitted per entry.

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do not necessarily have to have a nautical or French theme.

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TALK TIME

JOHN BALCOMBE

The Aylesford parish councillor spoke to Yourmaidstone about what inspired him to get involved in the community role



What brought you to the county town?

Prior to moving to Aylesford I lived in London for over 20 years and worked in the family fruit business. Twenty-two years ago I moved with my wife Viv and son James to Aylesford for more space and a better family life.

At this time I changed business direction to escape the stress of London and ran a successful recovery and repair garage business in Hildenborough.

What inspired you to become parish councillor?

I became actively involved with the Conservative party six years ago, when I became an active party member. I was inspired by Ann Widdecombe, who a few years before canvassed our house one evening and we stood chatting for well over half hour.

Her enthusiasm was magnetic and I decided to stand for the local council four years ago, but was defeated by a few votes. I was determined to stand again, and in May 2007 I was elected with a very healthy majority and have been working tirelessly on my council duties ever since.

Do you find the role fulfilling?

I have always maintained that you cannot complain about things unless you are actually an active member of the organisation.

I care very passionately about the environment in which I live and feel that I can make a difference.

I am a 'people's person' and feel that by listening to the residents' issues and dealing with them is what I am good at. I spend many hours on council issues, but find it totally fulfilling and worthwhile.

YOUR LETTERS

Stop ruining life's little pleasures

It is no surprise to me that the smoking ban is driving pubs out of business. Who wants to stand in the cold and rain every half hour?

The implementation of the smoking ban has ruined a whole slice of this country's social life. OK some people might live longer, but their pleasures in life just get fewer and fewer.

I shall be interested how our French neighbours respond to the smoking ban introduced over there from Jan 1.

I can't see them changing their way of life without protest. My guess is they will simply ignore the law as they always do with things that spoil their enjoyment of life.

Theresa Syme
by email

'In ten years time there won't be any pubs left'

EXCLUSIVE
Aylesford councillor Ray Syme has written a letter to the editor of Yourmaidstone, warning that the smoking ban could lead to the closure of many pubs in the area. He says that the ban is a 'disaster' for the local economy and that many pubs are struggling to survive. He calls for the government to reconsider the ban and to provide support for the pub industry.

Beer prices not ban is affecting trade

Whilst reading Yourmaidstone last week I noticed the story headlined 'In ten years time there won't be any pubs left'.

The smoking ban has nothing to do with pubs struggling, it's down to the price of beers that the breweries keep putting up.

I have been drinking in the Green Man in Hodsels Street in



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Meopham, where they banned smoking a year before the legal ban came into place and their trade went up.

And my local is the Old Rectory in Leybourne, which is still known as Chimneys to the locals. All the locals have no

problem going outside for a fag. I have never heard of any body that will not go to the pub because they can't smoke, it is down to the brewery keep putting the price of beer up.

That is why you can buy a bottle of wine in the supermarket as the same price as a pub charge just for a glass, that's why people drink at home and nothing to do with the smoking ban.

Kevin Tuttle
by email

Smokers forced to stay at home

My oh my haven't our Government struck a blow for driving more people into their homes and avoiding any form of socialising.

I was not at all surprised to see last week's story about the threat to pub trade following the introduction of the smoking ban.

As a smoker I clearly remember all those people who used to say how much they hated going to pubs and coming away with their clothes smelling of smoke.

You know the people, the ones who still think Babycham is a proper drink and only really have a drink at the office Christmas party.

And have they gone to the pub more often since the smoking ban? Have they hell.

This has been a tragedy and merely forces people to smoke more in their own homes (where one assumes there are children) or in their cars (ditto the children comment).

Ridiculous and it is a law that will be overturned by someone sensible in the near future or will simply be ignored by all right-minded individuals who believe in freedom.

Jeremy Dickinson
by email

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I hope Hislop picks a good candidate

There is something faintly amusing about calling on Ian Hislop, spud-faced editor of Private Eye and all round clever clogs, to interview the candidates who wish to replace Ann Widdecombe.

I wasn't in a position to see him in action on Sunday but I am pleased that our local Tory party take the selection so seriously that they chose to have a trustworthy journalist to carry out the interviews.

I do hope Mr H's influence gives the borough a worthy Tory candidate for the next election who will undoubtedly retain the seat, I feel.

James Thompson
by email

Asda recognises important work

This year, along with many of my Marie Curie nursing colleagues, I spent the festive period with a patient so that they could be at

home with their family.

I am writing to say thank you to Asda for kindly donating 250 gifts – luxury bouquets of flowers and an Olay Complete Moisturiser – to nurses, like me, who gave up time with their own families so that someone with a terminal illness could spend their final Christmas at home.

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While it is an honour to share such a special time with patients, I thank Asda for recognising the difference it makes to patients and their families.

Linda Damon
Marie Curie Nurse



Wind cannot deliver us reliable power

Steve Dawe of Kent Green Party says in last week's paper that eight times more electricity could be generated than what we now use from offshore wind alone, according to British Wind Energy Association.

They also tell you, on BWEA.com, that wind generator output is proportional to the cube of the wind speed, (a law of physics), and peaks at 36 mph, described on the Beaufort Scale as "Force 7, Near Gale".

Thus at half speed, the output of a 1,000 kw generator is a half of a half of 1,000, that is 125 kw. At one third speed, you get one twenty-seventh, 37 kw. Below nine mph, zero.

30,000 MW at full power could meet half the UK maximum demand, but it never happens with wind. With the winds actually blowing December 10-24, the total output of 30,000 MW wind machines spread across Britain would have seldom exceeded 2,000 MW, and on some days would be below 200 MW. In any winter, would seldom reach above 15,000 MW. Traditional power kept the lights on, and printing presses rolling.

Look at the hourly speeds shown on Ceefax 404, up them by 30 per cent, because wind machines are on tall towers, and do the sums yourself. I have. Wind cannot deliver reliably. Ask farm owners for actual hourly outputs for December.

When we close an elderly traditional power station, with what shall we replace it? Wind will mean blackouts, fossil fuel gives CO2, with nuclear we get neither. France, with 85 per cent nuclear for decades, has no problem with waste. Why should we?

I was the engineering manager responsible for electricity supplies in the Medway-Gravesend-Swanley area for nearly 20 years.

Bill Hyde, DFH, C. Eng, FIET, from Offham
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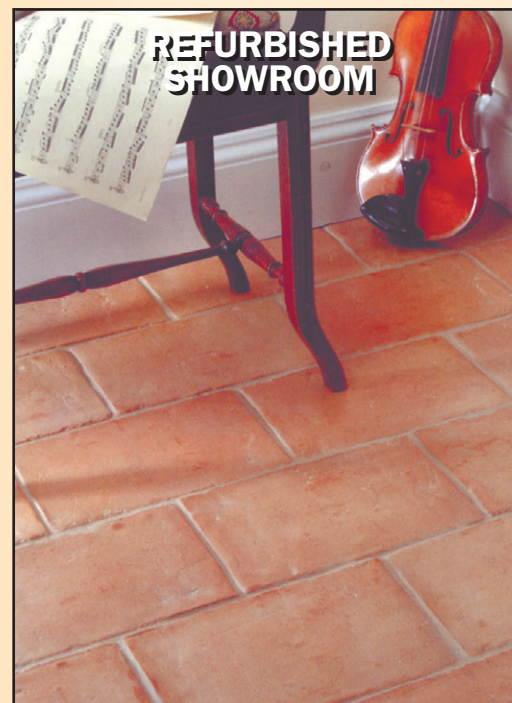
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Great Scot, it's time to celebrate

Tune in to the Gaelic talents of Fred Morrison

CELEBRATE the life of Scotland's favourite son with a fun-packed Burns Night extravaganza.

Scots across the globe take time out to mark poet Robert Burns's presumed birthday, January 25, and the Trinity Theatre is offering a chance to celebrate in true Highland style.

Get the evening going with a whisky mac, glass of wine or soft drink, which is included in the ticket price, before the Royal Scottish Dance Society takes to the stage. Members of the Tunbridge Wells branch will be demonstrating the energetic and visually stunning dancing that makes such great entertainment.

There will be comedy from The Scottish Falsetto Sock Puppet Theatre, a hilarious show of sketches and songs from a double act that made a splash at last year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

A master of the Highland and border pipes will be showing off his extraordinary skills later in the evening. Fred Morrison, who also plays Irish uilleann pipes and low whistle, was named Instrumentalist of the Year at the Scots Trad Music Awards in 2004. His exuberant, improvisational style has earned him an international reputation for excellence, combining Gaelic piping with eclectic influences.

His sound has been described as "the nearest thing to jazz you'll hear in Scottish piping". He is an in-demand soloist, having supported bands like Runrig and Capercaillie, and he is a founder member of Gaelic group Ceolas. He joined Capercaillie for three years, during which time he played on and helped to write music for the film, Rob Roy.

Morrison's most recent activities include helping McCallum Bagpipes to develop a bellows blow pipe, which will carry his name.

These celebrations are held in the name of Scotland's national Bard,



GAEL FORCE: Instrumentalist Fred Morrison will entertain at the Burns Night festivities

Robert Burns. Born in Ayrshire in 1759, Burns was the eldest of seven children. As the son of a poor tenant farmer, he was expected to graft on the land, but his father insisted he should also have a good education.

A tutor was employed to teach Burns and his younger brother, Gilbert. As a result, Burns became well read and he wrote his first poem, My Handsome Nell, at the age of 15. It was mainly about his love of scotch and women, with writing being another way to escape his severe circumstances.

After the publication of his first poetry collection, he became a nation-

BURNS NIGHT SPECIAL

Saturday, January 26
Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells

al celebrity. But fame did not bring fortune and he took a job as an exciseman to pay the bills, while continuing to write.

Burns died of heart disease at the age of 37 and more than 10,000 people attended the burial.

Tickets to the festival cost £20. There will also be Scottish dancing workshops at 11am and noon on Saturday, costing £3 per person.

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TALON

Friday, January 25
Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone



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The Eagles' catalogue, spanning three decades, includes classic songs such as Lyin' Eyes, Hotel California, Take It To The Limit, Desperado, New Kid In Town and more.

The Eagles broke up in 1980, but reunited in 1994 and have toured occasionally since then. Hotel California was ranked number 37 in Rolling Stone's list of the 500 Greatest Albums of All Time. An album of their greatest hits, from 1971 to 1975, was named the US's bestselling album of the 20th century.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear the authentic sound of the Eagles. The performance starts at 8pm and tickets cost £15/£13. To book call the box office on 01622 758611 or visit www.hazlitttheatre.co.uk.



CAROLYN MARK

Monday, January 28
Zebra Bar, Maidstone



FLAMBOYANT singer/songwriter Carolyn Mark is as hard to pigeonhole as her music.

The Canadian songbird is described as sounding like Natalie Merchant on Glenmorangie, swearing like a sailor with a great line in Dorothy Parker-esque lyrical one-liners. Her sound has been narrowed down to a blend of country, bluegrass, rock, rockabilly and folk, with an early background in "pop-surf-punk-art-country-rock". All are agreed that her powerful vocals, gift for storytelling and wonderful sense of

humour make her an artist not to be missed.

Mark grew up on a dairy farm in British Columbia, where she was taught to play piano by her Austrian father, an accomplished violinist. She formed her first band, the all-girl Vinaigrettes, and toured Canada and the US for seven years, recording six albums. When the band split in 1998, she played with many other acts before deciding to go solo. Since then she has released seven critically acclaimed albums, including last summer's Nothing Is Free.

She will be supported by Nashville-based Scott Shipley, a skilled writer and guitarist.

The gig starts at 8pm and tickets cost £9 in advance or £11 on the door. Book in person at Zebra Bar or by calling 01622 744481.

CIRCUS OF HORRORS

Sunday, January 27
Assembly Hall Theatre,
Tunbridge Wells



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This year's tour, The Asylum, sees all the old favourites return such as Demon Dwarfs, a pickled person and flying vampires. But this time the stomach-churning mob are trapped in the Macabre Mad House, before escaping into the Parisian night life.

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WALK HARD, THE DEWEY COX STORY (15)



America loves Dewey Cox, but behind the music is the up-and-down-up-and-down-again story of a musician whose songs would change a nation. On his rock'n'roll spiral, Cox sleeps with 411 women, marries three times, has 22 kids and 14 stepkids, stars in his own TV show, collects friends, and gets addicted to – and then kicks – every drug known to man. But despite it all he grows into a national icon and earns the love of a good woman.

This old man's feeling bright

BY ROBIN WALKER

TOMMY LEE JONES, like the screen characters he usually plays, is a brusque man of few words with a Texan drawl and old-school politeness. Don't expect him to bare his soul for publicity's sake and you'll get along just fine.

The part-Cherokee Texan of predominantly Welsh-extraction has made a career out of depicting stoic men as weathered as the lines on his face. His two latest roles are a case in point – a grizzled sheriff pining for the old days in Joel and Ethan Coen's *No Country For Old Men* and the anguished father of a casualty of the Iraq War in Paul Haggis's searing *In The Valley Of Elah*.

Both films slice into the dark underbelly of modern America. In *No Country For Old Men*, a psychopath (Javier Bardem) kills at random while drug gangs wage war as things get out of control in Texas.

Meanwhile, *In The Valley of Elah* deals with a grieving former military police investigator seeking the truth about his son's AWOL death. Best known for the *Men In Black* special effects blockbusters, Tommy Lee maintains he isn't making any personal political statements about the state of American society with his two latest projects.

"I don't consider my private feelings to be relevant in any way," he says. "I don't have any political statements to make other than what you can see or discern from looking at my work."

Nor should you read any underlying pessimism into the choice of films. "My world view is pretty bright. I enjoyed making those two films," he states.

No Country For Old Men is set in the unfor-

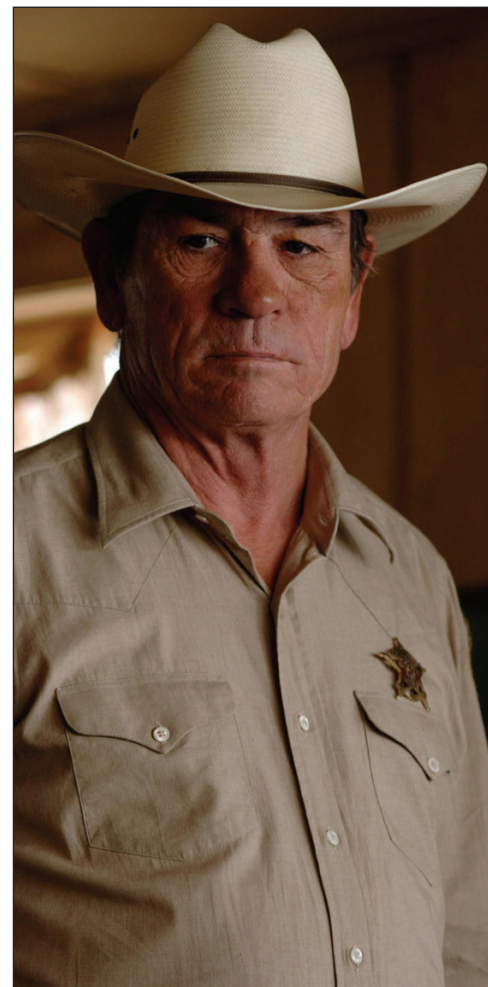
giving Texas borderlands during the 80s, as drug money and armed gangs from Mexico began to tear hard-bitten communities apart at the seams. Tommy Lee's sheriff longs for a quieter time when the bad guys didn't have Uzis.

In *The Valley of Elah* is a jaundiced look at how President Bush's controversial invasion of Iraq has hurt many American families on a personal level.

The film is based on a real case in 2003 when Iraq war veteran Richard Davis was fatally stabbed. It highlights the violence that can follow servicemen home.

The nearest this tight-lipped star ever got to making a political stand was speaking up for his friend and former Harvard classmate Al Gore in 2000.

He studied English literature there before moving to New York in 1969 and falling into acting. Through stage, television and then



INTEGRITY: Tommy Lee Jones looks for good character

films he has built up a reputation for playing strong characters with deep emotion.

Married three times, and a father of two with second wife Kimberlea, these days he spends much of his time with third wife Dawn on his 3,000 acre ranch near San Antonio, Texas.

He likes to live close to his roots but isn't one of those stars who denigrates Hollywood: "I actually like the movie business and work at it all year round, as well as ranching. One is not an antidote to the other, more a complement to the other."

"You just look for good parts and good stories. Characters with no integrity are just as interesting as characters with lots of integrity."



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Leap into an adventure

BY GINNY WARNER

WHIZZING through the treetops 100ft above ground wasn't quite how I'd expected to experience the lush beauty of St Lucia's rainforest.

"Come on, mum," said 16-year-old James, as I stood on the first zip-line platform with my knees knocking. "You can do it."

I stood nervously while the guides clipped my harness on to the twin cables, took up the sitting position as instructed... and stepped off, trying not to think about the huge drop below me.

There was a whoosh of air, a whizz of the zip-line, and I landed on the next platform within seconds, having not taken in any of my surroundings!

Having got one under my belt, I started to get the hang of it and enjoy it a bit more, although I still didn't see an awful lot of wildlife. I suspect most of it had been scared off by all the foreigners hurtling through the trees.

During the 30-minute journey to the Rainforest Canopy Adventure, our driver Neville had stopped to show us breadfruit and starfruit trees, mahogany, nutmeg and cinnamon trees, bamboo – which can grow 12 inches in a day – and of course bananas, the island's second biggest industry after tourism.

I'm relieved to say the second sightseeing trip we organised during our holiday, to the



STUNNING: Wherever you look beautiful scenery surrounds you on the Caribbean island of St Lucia

island's former French capital, Soufriere, didn't involve re-enacting a Bushtucker Trial from I'm A Celebrity.

Our driver this time, Edmund, was happy to stop for us to take photos of places of interest en route, including two fishing villages, Laborie and Choiseul, and St Lucia's famous twin mountains, the Pitons, which are a World Heritage Site.

First we went to the Sulphur Springs – the world's only drive-in volcano. Part way in we

joined informative local expert Christina for a close-up look on foot and to 'enjoy' the delicate eggy aroma.

Edmund then took us to the Toraille waterfall for a refreshing dip before driving to the nearby Botanical Gardens and the Diamond Falls.

We ended our trip in Soufriere itself, whose impressive waterfront area was the setting for the film *Romancing The Stone*. Unfortunately we had to cut our visit short because of a tropical downpour. Well, it was still the rainy season and, after all, that's what makes this island – dubbed La Belle Helene – so green and lush.

In between trips we were happy to relax at our hotel, Coconut Bay Resort & Spa.

My teenagers spent hours in the pool, playing games such as volleyball with their new friends, or splashing about on the waterpark slides and in the 'lazy river'. They also worked their way through the menu of non-alcoholic cocktails at the swim-up bar and sampled the different burgers available from the beachside grill.

I relished the escape of the adults-only pool, where I could soak up the sun and read my book with only the sound of birds singing and the Atlantic waves breaking on the beach as background – rather than the music and happy holiday noises around the family pools.

At the end of the holiday the hotel's proximity to the airport was a bonus as we were able to stay by the pool to grab some final rays until just two hours before our flight home. It was hard to tear ourselves away and we hope to return soon.

FACT FILE: ST LUCIA

Time difference	UK -4 hours
Currency	East Caribbean \$5.33 to £1
Capital	Castries
Population	161,000
Language	English, French-based patois
Religion	Roman Catholic
Climate	Tropical

Holiday details

Ginny Warner was a guest of Coconut Bay Resort & Spa in St Lucia. Her stay was arranged by Virgin Holidays, which offers seven nights' all-inclusive at the resort from £899, including Virgin Atlantic flights ex-Gatwick to St Lucia and transfers. Prices per adult based on two adults travelling and sharing a room, for departures in 2008. Child prices for under-12s start from £199. Seven nights in St Lucia, flying from Manchester incl flights and transfers and accommodation on an all inclusive basis start from £999. Prices may be subject to increases in fuel surcharge or Air Passenger Duty. Virgin Holidays reservations: 0871 222 0304 or visit www.virginholidays.com.



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La Senza has sliced prices of selected bras, knickers, nightwear and swimwear in its fabulous winter sale, with items starting from as little as 99p.

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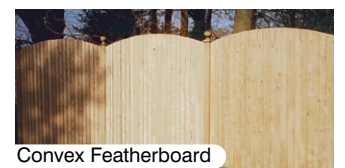
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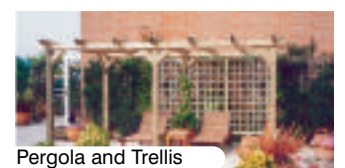


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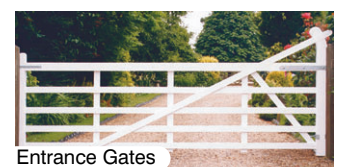


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SUNDAY: EASTENDERS (3.10pm): Catch up with the week's comings and goings in Albert Square in this afternoon's two-hour omnibus edition.

BBC TWO

SATURDAY: HANNAH AND HER SISTERS (11.30PM): Woody Allen, Mia Farrow and Michael Caine star in this Academy Award-winning film following three sisters living in New York and their relationships.

SUNDAY: AN OTTER IN THE FAMILY (5PM): Documentary following TV presenter Philippa Forrester and her partner after this adopted an otter club called Grace who needs to return to the wild.

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SATURDAY: HANNIBAL (10pm): Anthony Hopkins returns as Hannibal Lecter in a gruesome sequel to *Silence of the Lambs*. Julianne Moore takes over the role of FBI agent Clarice Starling.

SUNDAY: DANCING ON ICE (6pm): The stars return to the ice in an effort to get through week three of the contest and win your phone votes. Results show is at 8.30pm.

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SATURDAY: ER (8pm): It's another busy day in the emergency room of Chicago's County General as the team face treating two wounded police auxiliary officers.

SUNDAY: GORDON RAMSAY COOK-A-LONG LIVE (8PM): Another chance to see the celebrity chef encourage you to cook a three-course meal in just one hour.

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SATURDAY: ONLY THE LONELY (6.10pm): John Candy, Ally Sheedy and James Belushi star in a bittersweet tale of a cop trying to leave home and his strong-willed mother after falling in love.

SUNDAY: YOUNG GUNS II (6.50pm): Entertaining Wild West romp featuring the Eighties Brat Pack stars of Emilio Estevez, Kiefer Sutherland and Christian Slater as Billy the Kid and his gang of wanted men.

Kevin's out in the cold over his grand designs

■ BY GEMMA QUADE

"I'M bloody freezing on a building site in Kent, traipsing through mud," says Kevin McCloud, presenter of Channel 4's *Grand Designs*, when I ask him where he is during our phone conversation.

Not that he's complaining. The 48-year-old says he loves his job, despite enduring the cold and the damp on location.

When we speak, he is visiting a project that he hopes will be shown towards the end of the new series of *Grand Designs* which began its new run last week on Channel 4. He says hopes because the build is currently running horribly behind schedule.

"No doubt we'll be filming the final spools six days before transmission," Kevin groans good-naturedly.

"It's a super-technology house where the building itself collects heat from the sun, stores it underground and air conditions the house. It's a prototype house and it's very exciting technology, plus it's green."

Other treats in store this series include a couple who have to build 60 per cent of their new house underground in order to keep within height restrictions in their Grade 2 listed area, a Gothic-style home in Monmouthshire and a beautiful stone building made of interlinking decagons.

After 10 years of *Grand Designs*, Kevin is still excited by the show. To celebrate Channel 4's 25th anniversary last year, viewers were treated to a repeat of his favourite project, Ben Law's self-sufficient woodland home.

But what about the worst? Well, if any of you saw the last series, you will probably remember a pretty hideous houseboat in Kent, and



DEDICATED: Kevin McCloud travels all over the country to view the various projects he works on for the show

you may also recall that Kevin didn't hold back on his criticism of the project.

"It was actually a very good, watchable film, but a terrible piece of architecture," he says now with a grimace.

It's this sort of honesty that viewers enjoy about *Grand Designs* and Kevin's presenting. But he insists he gets no joy out of being derogatory about a project into which a contributor has put their life and soul, and all their money, and tries to avoid it at all costs.

"We've pretty well always chosen projects

that I like, because what's the point of making a film about something you don't like?" the father-of-four asks.

"It's all right if it takes a week to make the show, but the whole of my life is spent doing these things, and I'm damned if I'm going to find myself getting more and more depressed and negative about the world simply because of my day-to-day work. I want to do something positive and celebratory.

"We did experimentally take on projects I didn't like, to see whether or not that would have any value, and I can categorically say that it was a complete waste of time," he says. "Architecture affects other people, so we should be building good stuff and *Grand Designs* should be showing good, exemplary buildings," he continues, getting into his stride.

"It's a very negative experience to make programmes that are critical and cynical and that denigrate and it's very difficult when you build relationships with people to then stand in front of them and slag their project off. Ultimately you fall into the same trap that every other programme maker falls into. It's easy to be rude about things."

Kevin leads somewhat of a nomadic life. Projects that he visits can be anywhere from Aberdeen to the South Downs, so much of his life is spent travelling from one to the other. How do he and his family cope with that?

"The filming is inspiring, even in the rain and the wind, the mud and the cold. It's the travelling that's the killer.

"It interrupts my life. Not my family – my family, frankly, come first on the list. It's my social life – I don't have one! I see my kids, but I don't see anybody else, I just end up going to a pub by myself. It's pathetic."



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Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 **T**

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Medway female, 36, 5'8", blue/green eyes, slim, likes dancing, amateur dramatics, walks, much more, looking for someone who could make me laugh, for possible relationship Box 434372 **T**

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM LIFE?
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NICE SMILE???
Single 36yr old female, like most things in life, very loving and caring, 5'5", cuddly build, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man. Box 431286 **T**

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Happy, bubbly, positive female, 37 years old, outgoing, loving, caring, loyal, quite spiritual, into dance music, trance, cooking, the countryside, looking for soul mate Box 433539 **T**

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Large, bubbly lady, 37, 5'8", like country walks, seaside, bird watching, all music, looking for that special male for good times. Box 435619 **T**

PRETTY WOMAN WANTS HER RICHARD GERE
Hi I'm 37, 5'8", mousey long hair, grey eyes, N/S, large bubbly lady, love pubs, country walks, bird-watching, seeking kind, tactile, N/S gent, possibly romantic! Box 435674 **T**

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Hi, I'm Paula, 38, 5'2", with a good nature, looking for fun and someone to go out and have a laugh with. Box 435324 **T**

YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL
Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTm a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102 **T**

SAMTINES YOU NEED A MAN
Sammy, 40 (just!), single Mum of 4, independent, own house, hard-working, seeking loyal, happy-go-lucky (like me!), easygoing male for fun and maybe relationship. Box 435686 **T**

NEVER SAY NEVER
Decent 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating & having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664 **T**

NOT FOOTBALL CRAZY
Divorced, affectionate lady, 40, large build, 5'6", love staying in, cinema, looking for thoughtful male to share good things in life, leading to LTR. Box 430332 **T**

BRING ME SUNSHINE
Easygoing, GSOH, outgoing easygoing friendly single Mum, not much time for fun, enjoys films, music, motorbikes, history, visiting places of interest, spiritual places. Box 835333 **T**

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Friendly, easygoing, big beautiful woman. Hard-working single mum Eastbourne area. Box 819714 **T**

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42yr old outgoing female, 5'4", brown hair, green eyes, medium build, enjoy cinema, meals out, seeking a friendly male for nice times. Box 435451 **T**

TAKE A CHANCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 **T**

FOOTBALL FANATIC
Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5'11", likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 **T**

READ ALL ABOUT IT
Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTm N/S man to share things with. Box 429682 **T**

A FINE ROMANCE
Pleasant female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, wining, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071 **T**

WHERE R U?
Sincere, reliable woman, 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, community worker, loves horse riding, travelling, cooking, looking for my soul mate. Box 428689 **T**

DON'T KEEP ME HANGING
Genuine, caring, honest female, 41, 5'8", medium build, dark hair, blue-green eyes, N/S, likes night in/out, cinema, seeks honest male, for lasting love, Maidstone area. Box 803036 **T**

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE
Fun-loving, affectionate brunet, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378 **T**

NICE AND LOVING
44yr old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim/medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone Box 413448 **T**

TIME TO SETTLE DOWN
Romantic woman, 45, likes the good things in life, WLTm a special, good-looking man to complete the jigsaw. Box 434511 **T**

LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING NEW PEOPLE
45 year old female, has 2 dogs, works full time, likes horse riding, gardening, walks, socialising, enjoys eating out, cinema, good conversation Box 435464 **T**

BE ORIGINAL!
Sincerely, honesty, and intelligence, is that just too much to ask for? With a hint of cheekiness, I'm 46 from the Maidstone area. Box 156956 **T**

DON'T PASS ME BY
Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441 **T**

HAND IN HAND
Romantic female, 46, 5'2", blonde hair, blue eyes, likes walks on beach, theatre, music, seeking friendship/more, with someone, 45-55. Ashford. Box 435456 **T**

BOWL A MAIDSTONE OVER!
Kind, loving female, 44, blonde, 5'4", medium/curvy build, likes reading, live music, countryside, walks, seeks similar, adventurous male for happy times together. Kent. Box 805846 **T**

ON AN EVEN KEEL
Even-tempered, kind female, 45, 5'2", slim, green eyes, brown hair, likes cinema, restaurants, walking, animals, seeks confident, romantic male for fun and more. Box 378907 **T**

STIMULATING COMPANY
Bubbly, caring, single mum, 46, WLTm nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829 **T**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
Honest, trustworthy female, 45, medium build, 5'6", divorced, tired of being alone, seeking man to share life with. Box 823528 **T**

EASYGOING NATURE
Slim divorced woman, 48, dark brown shoulder length hair, hazel eyes, 5'3". Seeks genuine, thoughtful male, 43-54, slim-medium build, about 5'10 or above. Box 897419 **T**

AM I THE 1?
48yr old, 5'5", dark hair, hazel eyes, likes dancing, music, cinema, days/nights out, would like to share some good times & fun. Box 910127 **T**

ALL THAT I NEED
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428633 **T**

SHE'S THE ONE!
Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5'12", dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests Box 435098 **T**

READY TO START AGAIN
Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTm compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992 **T**

BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD
Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909974 **T**

DIG DEEPER
Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441 **T**

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Petite, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate, 40-55, for TLC. Kent. Box 835181 **T**

ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?
Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585 **T**

PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!
Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTm fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10"+, to share life. Box 165367 **T**

COUNTING ON YOU
Lonely, honest lady, 52, enjoy walks, cycling, travel, WLTm sociable gent to share interests and possibly leading to LTR. Box 399420 **T**

ARE WE SOUL MATES?
53yr old bubbly lady, 6ft, like meals out, staying in, looking for caring man to share life's ups & downs. Box 435768 **T**

SMART MOVE
Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship, hopefully more. Box 430854 **T**

STARTING OVER
Divorced lady, youthful 56, N/S, 5'3", green eyes, brown hair, medium build, GSOH, I like eating out, cinema, driving, music, holidays, seeking friendship, see what develops. Box 897592 **T**

I DREAM OF DOMESTICITY!
Affectionate, homely, caring 55yr old lady, 5'2", slim/medium build, GSOH, good conversationalist, looking for special person to share life's ups and downs with. Faversham. Box 406928 **T**

A CHUCKLE & A CHORTLE
56yr old lady, well-built, 5'5", N/S, GSOH, funny nature, like films, theatre, eating out, WLTm N/S man, 56-60ish, to make her laugh again. Maidway/Maidstone. Box 412127 **T**

SAVING ALL MY LOVE
Young, 57yr old modern female widow, slim, enjoys nights in/out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection/TLC. Box 920739 **T**

LIKE TO ENJOY LIFE
Happy-go-lucky female, 57, likes nice walks, pubs/clubs, nights in, loves children and animals, seeking an honest, caring man. Box 435308 **T**

LIKES THE NICE THINGS IN LIFE
Divorced female, 50s, 5'8", own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more. Box 434901 **T**

DON'T PASS ME BY
Young 61 year old, 5'3", medium build, brown hair/eyes, very happy-go-lucky, likes dancing, walks, eating in/out. I'm very adaptable, looking for a LTR. Margate Box 434424 **T**

BRING ME SUNSHINE
Friendly male, 36 years old, 6'2", dark hair, likes running. Divorced dad of 2, seeking someone special Box 434712 **T**

YOUR TIME IS COMING
Maidstone male, 35, dark blond hair, dark eyes, nice looking, have 1 little girl, own business, varied interests, looking for a fun lady, under 40 Box 429375 **T**

REAL MAN
39yr old honest, kind, caring male, blond hair, 6ft, like walks, cinema, nights in/out, enjoy family life, WLTm like-minded, genuine female. Box 430440 **T**

GET UP AND GO
Creative male, 35, 6ft, slim, dark hair/eyes, loves music, travel, history, socialising, cinema, reading etc, seeks laid back, slim, attractive female, 26-35. Whitstable. Box 380976 **T**

R U 4 ME?
Down to earth and loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company & conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917 **T**

BRIGHTER DAYS
Divorced male, 38, 5'11", blue eyes, no ties, likes motorsports, the gym, country pubs, wine bars, cycling, seeks spontaneous, fun woman for fun/laughter. Box 434217 **T**

FINGERS CROSSED
Young 38-year-old single dad of 2, in south-east Kent, seeking someone 35-50, for fun times. Box 435048 **T**

A CERTAIN SMILE
Peter, 38, 5'11", slim, enjoys music, cinema, dancing, restaurants, seeking loving female, for friendship leading to more. Chatham. Box 425364 **T**

DON'T DELAY, CALL TODAY
Attractive, independent, professional male, 40, OHAC, loves wining/dining, the sun, holidays, cinema, pubs occasionally, seeking a fun, sincere, loving female, to enjoy each other's company. Box 434103 **T**

OPEN ARMS
Attractive, mixed race male, 40, 5'10", likes chatting, nights in. Looking for female under 41, who lives in Medway boroughs, for relationship. Box 897308 **T**

TWO'S COMPANY
Thoughtful male, 41, 6ft, shaved head, blue eyes, medium to stocky build, looking for a caring female to share good times. Box 899053 **T**

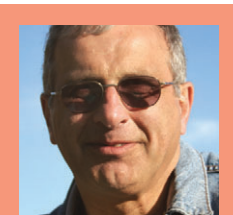
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PICTURE THIS
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I'm John, 43, brown hair, 5'10", looking for nice, attractive, curvy ladies for friendship, romance, cuddles. Box 435712 **T**

PART ITALIAN
43 year old male, 5'6", black hair, brown eyes, fit and healthy, divorced with 2 kids, seeking someone, 25-45, who likes to go out/stay in. Box 435386 **T**



MEN'S SPOTLIGHT

MEET AND MATCH AND MORE
Toby, 26, slim, muscular body, dark hair, green eyes, seeking any lady for fun, or even friendship/more. Box 435597 **T**

COUNTRY PLEASURES!
Young, adventurous, outgoing man, 32, enjoys outdoors, keeping fit and swimming, country walks, pubs, river walks and nights in, seeking a like-minded, cuddly female. Box 897215 **T**

THE GOOD LIFE
34yr old young-looking, shy at first male, 5'3", medium build, enjoy life to the full, seeking that special someone to share good moments with. Box 435061 **T**

WHAT AM I DOING THIS FOR?
Love! Separated dad, 35, seeks someone to share time with. Enjoys eating out, cinema, walking, looking for a special friend for companionship and hopefully more. Box 897276 **T**

FIRST-TIMER, BE GENTLE!
Attractive male, 37, medium build, enjoys countryside, travelling, children, animals & pubs, WLTm female 25-35 slim/medium build with similar interests for fun, friendship/serious relationship. Box 435731 **T**

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LET'S GET PHYSICAL
Blond, blue-eyed male, 42, slim, likes running, cycling, cinema, travel, music, martial arts, eating in/out, seeking an active lady with similar interests. Box 432632 **T**

GOOD SPORT
Easygoing 43yr old single dad, stocky build, very confident, GSOH, enjoy pubs, meals out, looking for a female to share laughs and outings. Box 435262 **T**

RELIGHT MY FIRE
Handsome, well-balanced, Maidstone male, 42, medium build, enjoys cinema, music, restaurant, seeks pretty, spontaneous, slim lady, for all the good times ahead. Box 820901 **T**

PARTY TILL DAWN!
Attention ladies! Nice looking, cheeky, fun loving guy, 42, seeks an attractive, fun loving female for loads of fun & laughs. East Kent. Box 824810 **T**

BIG DEAL IN DEAL
Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 389967 **T**

LET IT BE
Honest, tactile, romantic male, 42, 5'10", green eyes, varied interests, the gym, wining, dining out, seeks female/single mum, 30-45, for friendship and more. Box 390669 **T**

LET'S CONNECT
Reliable, thoughtful, professional male, 42, 6'2", dark hair, hazel eyes, GSOH, enjoys music, sports, cinema, meals out, WLTm like-minded, attractive female for friendship/more. Box 397492 **T**

SUCCESSFUL AND SINGLE
Good looking male, 42, 6'2", well built, muscular, fit, enjoys cars, motorbike, golf, rugby, socialising, travel, seeks female for friendship, leading to serious relationship. Box 158489 **T**

AVERAGE JOE SEEKS AVERAGE JO
I'm 45, 5'10", medium build, blue eyes, shaved head, like having fun, a laugh, love music and film, seeking a female 25-48 for romance. Box 435737 **T**

MIX N MATCH
Young-at-heart 44yr old male, blond hair, blue eyes, easygoing nature, likes eating for a fun, intelligent, tactile lady, 45+, to enjoy ourselves. Box 434226 **T**

ON YOUR MARKS...
Tall, fun-loving, good-looking former athlete, 44, lived in USA many years, likes music, sports cars, looking for dark haired or exotic lady, GSOH, for LTR. Ashford Box 430121 **T**

JUST A SIMPLE CALL
Happy, honest man, 43, 6ft, brown-hair/eyes, 2 children, attractive, true and active, varied interests, likes evenings in, weekends away, seeks similar female, for hopefully LTR. Box 940571 **T**

LOTS OF SMILES
Warm, sincere, N/S, eligible, stimulating, male, 46, well groomed, OHAC, 5'10", slim/medium, settled but playful, seeks similar lady to share LTR and smiles. Box 824095 **T**

BRING ME HAPPINESS
Easygoing guy, genuine, 46, 5'7", slim, hard-working, own home, adventurous, enjoys nights in/out, drives, weekends away, socialising, walks, seeking someone to enjoy life with. Box 435393 **T**

WHEN I NEED YOU
looking for friendship, maybe more with an intelligent, slim, attractive woman. I'm fit, 40s, sociable, sensitive, and fun. Enjoy good company, like a drink and smoke. Box 897985 **T**

SOMEONE TO LOVE
Good-looking male, 47, VGSOH, medium build, varied interests, looking for friendship and love with honest, easygoing female with GSOH, kids not a problem. Box 898446 **T**

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!
Youthful dad, 45, 5'10", brown hair, med build, divorcee, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks, WLTm female, 36-45, slim, for possible LTR. Cranbrook Box 737529 **T**

KNOW WHAT YOU WANT FROM LIFE
48 year old male, hard-working, 6'11", genuine, likes car restoration, DIY, gardening, holidays, seeking someone sensible, up to 48 Box 435474 **T**

THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS!
50-year-old reliable male, 6'2", dark hair, well-built, looking for possible LTR with someone who is honest, trustworthy and caring. Box 435627 **T**

LIKE A LAUGH AND A JOKE
Young 51, good-looking, young-looking, N/S, GSOH, fit, slim, romantic, solvent, caring, likes most things in life; food/wine etc, seeking genuine lady to share life with. Box 435493 **T**

SIGN YOUR NAME...
Creative Tonbridge male, 45, sign writer, very artistic/musical

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

No20

Can you spot the five differences between these two pictures of a Herne Bay slipway?

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AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU have a choice between fulfilling selfish desires and working for a charitable cause. Choose the latter, even if it pains you to do so. A visionary like you needs to keep your eyes trained on some far away ideal. It's time to make a decision regarding a close relationship.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

LENDING money to a friend could lead to disaster. You don't want a petty thing like finance get in the way of a good relationship. A chance to broaden your horizons could put you in the path of romance. Alternately, you could have a chance to hone your artistic skills.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOUR insistence on having a good time could eat away at a close friendship. Lately, you haven't been there for a woman you've always admired and respected. It's not as though you're indifferent to her needs. Turn your back on selfish desires, even if it wrenches your heart to do so.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

LENDING money to a man who is down on his luck won't solve his problems. This person needs professional help you can't provide. A painful career matter could finally come to an end, giving you more time for domestic pursuits. You'll soon see this disappointment is a blessing.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

A RELATIVE could be making trouble for you at work. It's probably best to refuse this person's calls and emails, or your progress will be undermined. Friendship could turn to romance with very little encouragement. A glamorous work assignment is yours for the asking.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

RESIST the urge to push a loved one into going against their conscience or your relationship will be permanently strained. You could find a spacious, sunny place in a neighbourhood you've always wanted to live. Don't worry about finding the money to finance this purchase.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

THE temptation to lay the law down to a relative may be great. Unfortunately, forcing them to make a decision will reflect badly on you. Back off and let your loved one make up their own mind. Fortunately, a romance will distract you from this frustrating situation.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

STOP giving way to a bossy business or romantic partner or you'll start to resent them. You've always cherished your freedom. An exciting moneymaking opportunity will come your way. It will involve a great deal of responsibility, but the personal sacrifice will be worth it.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOU won't impress an expert with your rudimentary knowledge of their subject. It's better to listen and learn while you're in this person's presence. An authority figure will be grateful when you roll up your sleeves to do some grunt work. Take more time for chilling out.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOU won't be able to keep cool any longer with a colleague who continually takes advantage of you. You've got to put an end to this unbearable situation. If you're looking for love, you could find it at a bookstore, library, or stationery store. Keep your eye open for a well-educated executive.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IMPOSING your political or religious beliefs on a close friend is a mistake. You need to agree to disagree. Let your differences enhance your friendship, rather than rob it of joy. Spending time at home alone can bring the contentment you seek. When in doubt, turn inward.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

BEWARE of pushing yourself too hard. Treat your body like a temple, at least for this week. Going on a business trip or adding to your skills and qualifications will open new doors for you. If you're given an opportunity to do something new, grab it with both hands.

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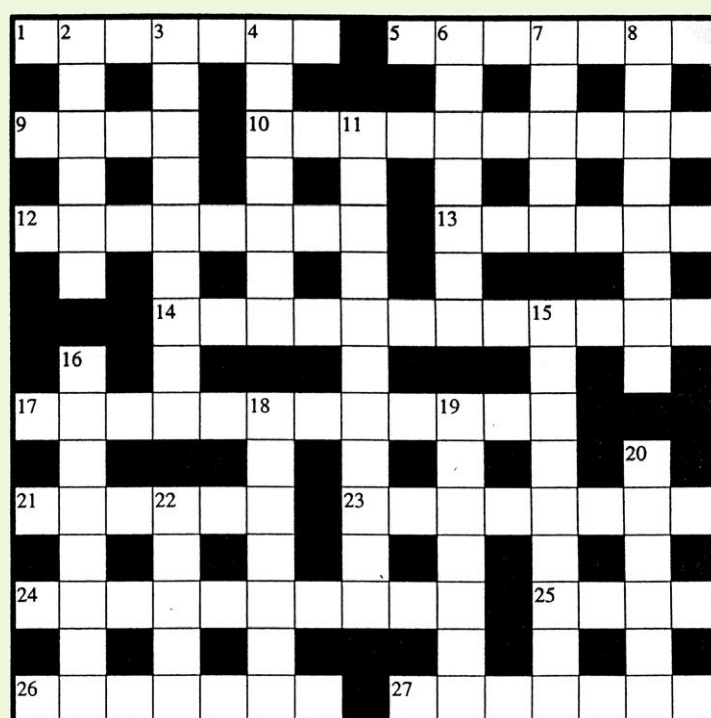
ACROSS

- 1 Led out behind grating to find hotplate (7)
5 Lack the cause of that fonder feeling (7)
9 Leave out jump over rope (4)
10 Cause someone to be disappointed with song Denis composed first (10)
12 Herb's divine first of all (8)
13 Fix it firmly in some rancho readily (6)
14 What one might expect to earn from the firm (6,6)
17 How one in the driver's seat will control the horsepower (4,3,5)
21 Call in question removal of pop-gun (6)
23 Stuck in an area of hard water (8)
24 Tall serviceman? (4,6)
25 In fog it might be deposited on eastern edge first (4)
26 Lower in rank (7)
27 Little room with Stan performing - he's athletic (7)

DOWN

- 2 Stopping without starting and doing some gardening (6)
3 Gloomy journalists in action (9)
4 Wrecker having diluted concoction (7)
6 Benjamin and I accepted girl, one coming from SE Asia (7)
7 It's to do with morals of some of the thickest! (5)
8 Do battle for a starter (8)
11 Saddest rani struggling to make uniform (11)
15 Accelerator removed from Con's motor (9)
16 Include many a broken promise (8)
18 A ton of land (7)
19 Plenty I distributed inappropriately (7)
20 Problem in a rising hostility (6)
22 Gus heroically included the doorkeeper (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Slander (7)
5 Tummy (7)
9 Hebrew prophet (4)
10 Habitual lewdness (10)
12 Male horse (8)
13 Treble (6)
14 One of the last four (12)
17 Tissue (12)
21 12% (6)
23 Great skill (8)
24 Railway track repairer (10)
25 Expression of disgust (4)
26 Charm (7)
27 Vast (7)

DOWN

- 2 Meteor (anag.) (6)
3 Revealed (9)
4 Bluish-white element (7)
6 Somerset town (7)
7 Muslim leader (5)
8 Negligent (8)
11 Heir (11)
15 Way of living (9)
16 Chime of bells (8)
18 Level of command (7)
19 Termini (anag.) (7)
20 Spring flower (6)
22 Half-door (5)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE No 19: 1) Car missing on left 2) Top of lorry gone at front 3) Same number on two toll booths 4) Car on bridge is missing 5) Bridge support gone in distance

CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS No19

ACROSS: 1 Storkbill 7 Erse 9 Climbake 10 Speech 11 Kite-flying 14 Anathema 15 Lahore 16 Bypass 18 Disunite 20 Night-nurse 23 Insect 24 Nonsense 25 Scut 26 Rheumatism.
DOWN: 2 Toll 3 Romp 4 Shackle 5 Inertia 6 Lustful 7 Everything 8 Second-rate 12 Unhygienic 13 Attachment 17 Senator 18 Derange 19 Sternum 21 Vent 22 Isis.

QUICK SOLUTIONS No20

ACROSS: 1 Traduce 5 Stomach 9 Amos 10 Debauchery 12 Stallion 13 Triple 14 Semifinalist 17 Handkerchief 21 Eighth 23 Artistry 24 Platelayer 25 Yuck 26 Enchant 27 Immense. **DOWN:** 2 Remote 3 Disclosed 4 Cadmium 6 Taunton 7 Mahdi 8 Careless 11 Beneficiary 15 Lifestyle 16 Carillon 18 Echelon 19 Interim 20 Crocus 22 Hatch.

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Alister plays guitar in the Fat River Band, a folk outfit who perform regularly around the county.

This week we also have music from cockney duo Chas 'n Dave, proving they've still got it to a packed house at the Tap 'n Tin in Chatham, when the pair perform their classic hit Gertcha for your listening pleasure.

Or if you prefer something a little heavier you could take a look at Shameful Behavior being, well, shamefully entertaining.

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DEMONSTRATION: Maker of renowned Atkin guitars, Alister Atkin from Hersden near Canterbury, plays one of his creations as part of a special documentary for Yourkenttv.co.uk



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IN CHURCH: LD Frazier, the New York Gospel singer, performs at The Canterbury Festival in October last year. He will be at Rainham Methodist Church on Saturday, February 2, at 7.30pm.



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LIVE: Cockney duo Chas 'n Dave roll out their classic hit Gertcha at the Tap 'n Tin, Chatham. Watch the crowd go wild, and observe the unorthodox seating position favoured by Chas.

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EMPTY: Gravesend Rockers 6 Years Lost perform The Sky is Empty live at the Shrimpers Regatta on Gravesend Prom - on a rather wet and windy day. See www.sixyearslost.co.uk



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MOVING: All the way from Freetown, Sierra Leone, the Milton Margai School for the Blind create a breathtaking sound in Canterbury Cathedral as part of the Sing Freetown Tour.



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ROCK ON: Big Hair, black and white make-up and chugging guitar. Yes, it's a rock band all right, namely Shameful Behaviour rocking out at the late lamented Ashford Rocks.

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Tommy-lee Adams born on 8th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Son to Graham and Tasha of Southborough, and a little brother for Jack.

ALEXANDER

Chloe Louise Alexander born on 29th December 2007, weighing 7lb 14oz. Daughter to Ben Alexander and Louise Homewood in Snodland. Thank you for making us both very happy!

BELL

Clive and Michelle are proud to announce the birth of their son Billy Connor Gerrard Bell, born on the 31st December 2007.

CHIBANDA

Emily and Tawanda are delighted to announce the birth of Gabriel Tawanda Brett Chibanda, our wonderful baby boy born on 21 December 2007 at QEQM Margate.

CLARKE

Phillip and Elizabeth of Aylesham are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Pauline Jeanette, on 2nd January 2007.

COINON

Emily and Stephane of Gravesend celebrate the birth of their daughter Charlotte Emily born on 5th January 2008. Baby sister to Anais.

COLLINS

Sarah and Tony are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Grace Eloise Joyce. Grandchild to Bill and Margaret Kipling and the late Patrick and Joyce Collins.

CRANDLEY

Alfred Charles weighing 9lb 5oz, born on 22nd December 2007 to proud parents Samantha Howland and Richard Crandley.

DOHERTY

James Cambell. Born on the 30th November 2007. Son of Julie Doherty. Little brother for Criston.

FORD

Joshua John Ford born on 8th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Son to Colin and Naomi Ford of Eythorne.

GAMLEN

Michelle and Kevin are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful twin girls Bethany Faye and Katie Elise, born on 2nd January 2008 at QEQM. Sisters to Amy, Zoe and Lauren.

GORBUTT

Christopher and Karen Gorbutt of Sevenoaks are proud to announce the birth of their son Charlie James Gorbutt, born 6th January 2008, weighing 9lb 3oz.

GRAY

Diana and Mark of Birchington are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Rihanna Alma Grace, born on Christmas Day 2007. The best present ever.

GUMBRILL

Lee and Katie of Faversham are very proud to announce the birth of their son, Lee Graham-John, on 5th January 2008. A new baby brother for Ella and Harrison.

HADLER

Scarlett born on the 1st January 2008, weighing 7lb 2oz. Daughter to Carl and NiKki Hadler in Dover.

HALL

Cameron Jack Robert Hall born on 7th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Son to Helen and Jay and brother to Alfie and Ashton in Ashford.

HINTON-BURT

Amanda and Stephen announce the birth of their son Jacob on 8th December 2007 weighing 7lb 4oz.

HUNSLEY

Ceri Adams and Anthony Hunsley celebrate the birth of their son Ryan James Hunsley on the 30th December 2007.

KEARNEY

Ellis Micheal born on the 12th December 2007, weighing 6lb 10oz. Son to Natasha and Myles Kearney in Dover.

KING

Karl and Lisa King of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Charlie Summer King on 25th December 2007.

McGREGOR

Niamh McGregor born on 1st January 2008 weighing 5lb 15oz. Daughter to Stuart and Emma in Swanscombe.

MITCHELL

Mark and Sharon of Tunbridge Wells are delighted to announce the birth of their son Harry James on 19th December 2007 weighing 6lb 14oz.

MULLIGAN

Isla Kate born on 23rd December 2007, weighing 7lb 6oz. Daughter to Peter and Hayley Mulligan of East Grinstead.

NEVIANI

Harley Neviani born on the 12th December 2007, weighing 5lb 7oz. Son to Charlene and Steve Neviani in Ashford. He is the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

REEVE

Stephen and Vanessa of Birchington celebrate the birth of their son Louis Stephen on 2nd January 2008, weighing 8lb 1oz. A welcome brother to Rebecca and Charlotte.

REEVES

Laura and Jason Reeves of Cranbrook celebrate the birth of their daughter Scarlet Hope on 31st December 2007.

ROWE

Michelle and Shane of Broadstairs are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Eden Ellen, born on 4th January 2008 at QEQM. Sister to David, Darren, Chelcie and Jack.

SPICER-HALE

Nick and Anita of Herne Bay are very proud to announce the birth of their son, James Nicholas Spicer-Hale, on 7th December 2007.

TOMPKINS

James and Sue of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Charley Emma-Anne Tompkins, on 9th December 2007.

TOSUNLAR

Jane and Fevzi Tosunlar celebrate the birth of their daughter Ruby on the 22nd December 2007.

TRINDER

Lisa and Mark of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Elliot Mark Trinder on 30th December 2007.

WHELAN

Helen and Philip of Margate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Luke Francis Barry, born on 15th December 2007 at QEQM.

DEATHS

BARCLAY

Michael David of Tonbridge passed away peacefully after a short illness on 15th January 2008. A loving husband, father and Grandfather (Pops) will be sadly missed. Family flowers only. All donations to MND. Enquiries to Boormans Funeral Directors at Tonbridge.

COCKSEGE

Tracey Cocksedge of High Halstow passed away peacefully after a long illness on 9th January 2008, aged 39. Funeral service at The Garden of England Crematorium, Bobbing, on 22nd January at 11am.

CUTTING

Ian Mark passed away suddenly on 31st December 2007 aged 47. A loved one is not gone, until they are forgotten! And to live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever. Greatly missed by his wife Fiona and beloved daughter Niamh.

DEVALL

May Ethel Devall of Hextable, formerly of Bermondsey, passed away peacefully on 10th January 2008, aged 93. All enquiries to Albins Funeral Directors of Bermondsey.

FRANKLIN

Carole Ann Franklin of Chart Sutton passed away peacefully on 8th January 2008 aged 62years. Funeral Service at 1.15pm at Vinters Crematorium Maidstone.

GAMBRELL

Esmie Doreen Gambrell died 16th December 2006. Last known address would have been Tickenhurst Farm Eastry near Sandwich. Contact Martin Watts at Brambledown, Lower Street, Tillmanstone, near Deal CT14 0JD.

GREEN

Elizabeth May died peacefully on 5th January 2008. Enquiries to Clare Savory Wallside House 12 Mount Ephraim Road Tunbridge Wells 01892 515121.

LEMAN

Alfred Leman of Ramsgate died peacefully on 4th January 2008. Funeral Service at Thanet Crematorium at 12.00pm on 25th January 2008. To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever.

LOVERING

Paul Alan of East Malling passed away on 9th January at the Heart of Kent Hospice. Enquiries to Viners of West Malling 01732 842485.

MORRIS

Harry Morris formerly of Northfleet passed away on 5th January 2008. Enquiries to A.W. Court, Grafty Green 01622 850840.

PIKE

It is with great sadness that we announce that George of Herne Bay passed away peacefully on 11th January 2008. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral details from A Welch and Sons of Herne Bay Flowers or Donations to League of friends Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital Herne Bay.

PIPE

Mona Agnes Pipe of Benover, Yalding, widow of Cable, died peacefully at home on 8th January 2008, aged 98.

TOMSETT

Derek Ivor Tomsett of Stockbury passed away peacefully at home on 30th December 2007, aged 82.

WEBB

The life of Harriet Jessie Webb beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother will be celebrated at St Albans Church, St Albans Road, Dartford at 11am Tuesday 29th January 2008. Flowers will be welcome for the decoration of the Church.



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PROPERTY NEWS

Greener housing is the way to go

ENERGY efficiency and the impact of the impending Energy Performance Certificates for rented accommodation as required by the EU is a hot topic in the world of property.

Is it worth investing in making improvements now, before this legislation is implemented next autumn?

Tina Nicholls, operations manager of Ashton Burkinshaw letting and property management agent, said: "New regulations already apply to HMOs (Houses in Multiple Occupancy) and we expect that by autumn 2008 all rental properties will need Energy Performance Certificates.

"So, if landlords are refurbishing or doing major works, they should consult their local building regulations officer with a view to making changes now."

Key points to bear in mind are: Cavity wall and loft insulation are cost-effective measures to improve energy efficiency.

If replacing a boiler over 15 years old, you need a high-efficiency condensing boiler, preferably linked to modern heating controls. A combi boiler saves space as well as energy. Finally, replace appliances with ones displaying the Energy Saving Recommended logo.

Ms Nicholls added: "Although energy efficiency is unlikely to be a priority for all tenants, escalating utility bills have raised awareness of running costs and tenants do sometimes ask to see previous heating bills, for example."

Price conundrum as polls all differ

POLLS concerning an upturn or downturn in the price of houses varied this month, due to the variety of sources they draw information from.

Rightmove and Home.co.uk are both based on asking prices, but their monthly inflation rates show prices moving in opposite directions.

Douglas McWilliams, chief executive of Centre for Economics and Business Research said: "The poll of all the different polls show house prices have now flattened. The economic news confirms the UK economy will, at best, slowdown in 2008 even if it avoids a recession.

"Most economic commentators think house prices will fall in 2008. Evidence suggests 2008 will be the worst year for house prices since 1995 when house prices fell by 1.7 per cent."



AT RISK: Over 100,000 homes are meant to be built in the South East over the next ten years, but the wording of the Housing Bill could threaten the future of such plans

Could new homes be coming under threat?

■ BY NICK AMES

MORE than 100,000 new homes scheduled to be built in the South East by 2020 are at risk because of poorly worded legislation which could lead to the effective nationalisation of independent housing associations.

The National Housing Federation is warning that the Housing Bill, which is currently going through parliament, would allow ministers to exert so much control over associations that they could be reclassified as public sector bodies – meaning they would no longer be able to lever in billions of pounds of private money to match public subsidy.

During the past two decades, housing associations have been able to raise more than £35bn of private finance to spend on new and

existing homes, in addition to the £30bn that ministers have invested in the sector – making its funding model one of the most successful public-private partnerships of all time.

But the level of state control set out in the bill is so great that the federation believes the Office for National Statistics could reclassify housing associations, which are classed as voluntary and community organisations, as public bodies when it compiles the Government's accounts.

Under the accounting rules, public bodies are not allowed to borrow money privately as this would count against the public debt.

The proposed move could threaten the 104,406 homes set to be built in the region over the next 12 years.

Federation chief executive David Orr said: "We are very supportive of the Government's commitment to tackle the nation's housing crisis, and housing associations are keen to do whatever they can to respond.

"However, we are shocked that the Housing Bill, as it is currently drafted, would create a real danger of associations effectively being nationalised.

"We feel certain that the threat to the independent status of housing associations must be the result of poor drafting and not the intention of the Government.

"Unless ministers amend the bill we are genuinely concerned that housing associations will be reclassified as part of the public sector, and therefore unable to continue with their tried-and-tested financial model – putting a major plank of the Government's housing delivery programme at risk."

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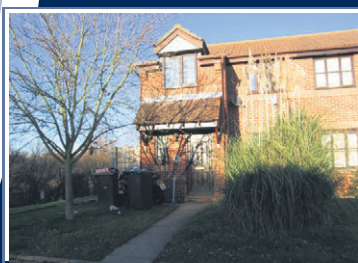
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- Kitchen

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MOTORS NEWS



New Jag cleans up at motoring 'Oscars'

JAGUAR has had a boost ahead of the launch of its spectacular XF replacement for the S-Type – the car arrives in the next few weeks with a What Car? Magazine 'Car of the Year' tag on it.

The new big cat beat 14 other category 'Oscar' winners at the 2008 awards to take the overall title.

What Car? editor, Steve Fowler, said: "The XF has it all – it looks fantastic and has a classy, futuristic interior that gives it a real sense of occasion.

"On top of that, it's great to drive, whatever mood you're in, and is a sound ownership proposition too."



Skoda loads up an insurance bargain

SKODAS Fabia Estate spin-off has put down a marker in the supermini load lugger sector by securing the cheapest insurance rating in the class.

The base model 1.2 (70bhp) version falls into the 2E band – the lowest of any supermini estate – while the highest is just 4E for flagship models.

The new estate is also better looking inside and out and more capacious than its predecessor, complementing a much improved overall Fabia line-up from the VW-owned Czech value brand.



Why MINI means more

MINI by name and 'mini' by nature it seems, for losing value – BMW's retro star was the UK's slowest depreciating car in 2007, according to Parker's Car Guides.

And the trend seems set to continue, it says, with hassle-free five and eight-year servicing deals, plus impressive fuel-saving technologies fitted on cars from autumn 2007.

The next best 'value miser' according to Parker's was the versatile Honda Jazz supermini holdall, with other front runners being: 3 – Perodua Kelisa, 4 – Citroen C1 and 5 – Perodua Myvi.



EXTRA INSURANCE: The new Sportage not only has a new look, it also comes with the same revolutionary 7-year/100,000 mile warranty Kia first launched with the Ceed

Sportage comes with longer life guaranteed

ROAD TEST KIA SPORTAGE

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

OK, there are subtle visual changes to the Sportage – body-colour bumpers as standard, larger door mirrors, new grille and headlamps and revised and more comfortable European-influenced seating – but I was also impressed with the dynamic improvements.

The Sportage always rode and handled well, but Kia has really tidied things up. Steering and braking efficiency is also better, while cabin refinement is much improved.

Perhaps most surprising though is the new-look Sportage's off-road clout in 4x4 trim. It is no Land Rover Freelander 2, but is priced from nearly 12 grand more than the Sportage and the diesel I tried had the measure of a muddy forest track and a foot deep stream – more than most owners would ever tackle.

As you would expect from Kia, standard kit is generous and includes air-con, six airbags, alloys and all-round electric windows and mirrors. The new flagship trim, Titan, includes electronic stability control, cruise control, leather seats, privacy glass, heated seats and an electric sunroof, yet starts at just £17,795.

Kia now reckons on a 30 per cent increase in Sportage volumes – I think that's guaranteed.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

THREE WAYS TO GO FOR IMAGE

IF we have a little extra cash, image plays a big part in the kind of cars we buy, so here are three trendy head turners offering various styles and looks. But while the MINI, smart forfour supermini and Vauxhall Tigra contrast in so many ways, they are all reasonably priced for what they offer and good to drive while still making a statement. Amazingly, they are also very practical for the individual market sector they sell into. As a further bonus, they should be reliable and depreciate slowly too.

MINI

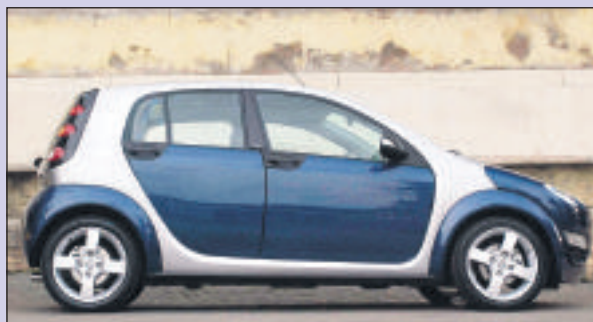


NOT as compact or full of character as the original perhaps, but the MINI counters with sheer capability and design. Apart from the profile, BMW carried over the centre-mounted switches and speedo, plus customising the roof with a chequered flag or whatever takes your fancy. The handling embellishes the legend yet there is the practicality of the hatchback, the option of a diesel and, for the ultimate style statement, factory-built convertibles. A used Cooper is the best deal.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

SMART FORFOUR



BEING the bargain candidate here should not detract from the smart challenging on the image front. With a distinctive two-tone five-door hatchback body, funky interior and well-sorted chassis, this is a practical yet equally eye-catching alternative to the MINI. The interior doesn't feel as upmarket, but forfour used prices are better since new production was halted prematurely due to poor profitability. Nothing much wrong with the car though – go for the lively, smooth and miserly diesel with manual box.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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Quality	★★★★★

VAUXHALL TIGRA



VAUXHALL'S Tigra is the best take on the coupe roadster/budget convertible theme in recent years. You get a well-built stylish car that looks equally good with top down or the secure electrically-powered hard top raised. On the practical front, it is only a two-seater and the retracted roof does rob the boot of some space, but there is still plenty of stowage there and behind the seats. Above all, it's fun to drive – best exploited by the 1.8 Sport version.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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MONDEO, LX 2.0TDCi 130ps Euro 4, 2006, panther black with charcoal high velour, 20000 miles, £9995, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

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ACCORD, 2.0 SE Saloon 4dr Vtec, 04/2001, air conditioning alloy wheels cruise control power assisted steering service history, silver, 55000 miles, £3,995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

ACCORD, VTEC Executive, a larm, immobiliser, full leather, multiple airbags, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, electric windows, dual climate zones, electric sunroof, multi-disc cd player, alloy wheels, metallic blue, 53000 miles, £8990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

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CIVIC, 1.8 I Vtec Sport, 5d, alabaster silver, 2007, 0 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £13980, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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323, Gsi 5dr, nab, rear spoiler, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear armrest, electric sunroof, abs, power steering, traction control, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, alloy wheels, blue, 52700 miles, £2995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

6, TS Tdi 143pg, 2005, grey metallic with black, 25000 miles, £9995, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

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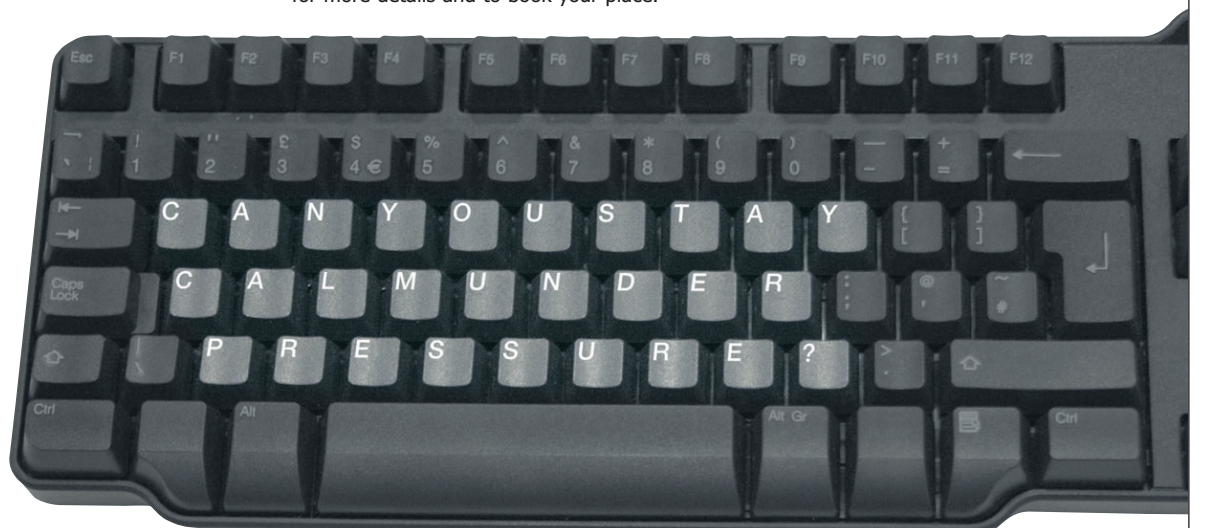


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Acceptance onto the Bereavement Training Programme will be by application form and interview. We would preferably like to hear from people with some experience of counselling and from those who are not actively grieving.

Application forms can be obtained from Lesley Trott (between 9.00am and 1.30pm) on 01634 830456, or email: lesley.trott@medwaypct.nhs.uk

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Informal enquiries can be made to Dr Paul Dalton, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Dean of Arts & Humanities) on 01227 782965. Ref: FQO2/AH/77

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For an informal discussion please contact Louise Sibley on 01227 782522.

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(Fixed Term until 31 July 2009)

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For informal discussion, please contact Professor Kate Springett, Head of Department, on 01227 782935 or kate.springett@canterbury.ac.uk, or Marian McCormick on 01634 894432 or marian.mccormick@canterbury.ac.uk

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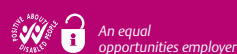
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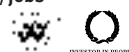
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Suppliers are the best, and highly rated too

A MATERIALS testing company was celebrating a double success this week – receiving a top award and ranking highly in a national business guide.

Cet Safehouse, based in Harrietsham, won the Best Supplier Award from Aggregate Industries and has also been recognised as one of the top ten site investigation consultants in the UK by business performance analysts Plimsoll.

Why bosses are driven to be liable

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A RADICAL new act which holds businesses liable for crashes caused by its drivers will be introduced later this year.

The Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act will hold companies responsible if their employees are involved in a fatal car crash – leaving them open to prosecution.

Under the new legislation any organisation will be guilty of corporate manslaughter if serious failures in their management of health and safety procedures can be directly linked to the accident.

Breaches will be punished with a limitless fine, with the fee depending on the level of the negligence.

A seminar discussing the full implications of the act, which comes into force on Sunday, April 6, and covers all areas of health and safety, was held at the Kent Police Lecture Theatre in Maidstone last week.

More than 100 company bosses attended, hearing from experts in the field on how they can take the necessary steps to ensure their businesses do not fall foul of the new legislation.

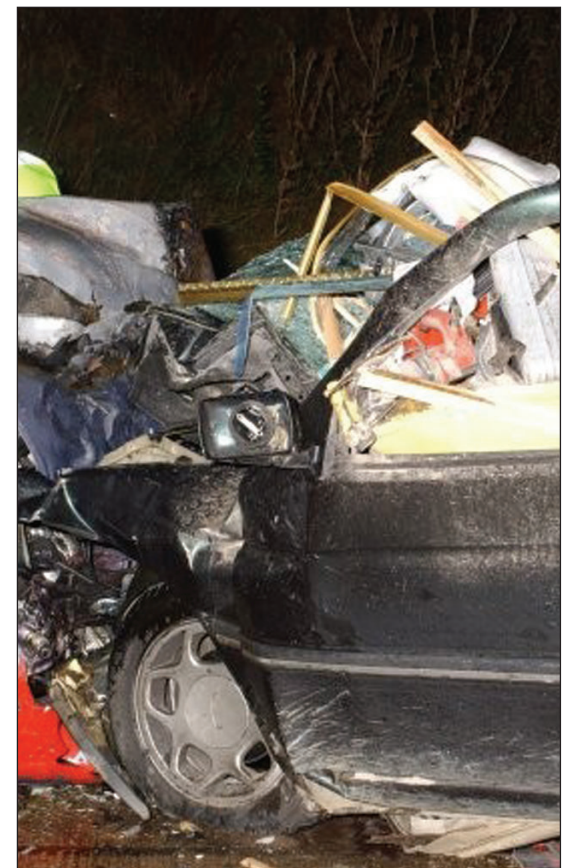
Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership communication manager Rachel Wall said: "One in three crashes on the road involves a vehicle being used for business purposes."

"The new act means companies really

need to get their house in order and make sure employees are driving responsibly on our roads.

"It is not enough to just have a health and safety policy to tick a box. Organisations must now be able to prove these policies are being monitored on a daily basis and if they are not they may find themselves in court."

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Developing the skills of our girls

GIRLS from Maidstone will have the chance to get involved in football after the launch of a development centre.

Maidstone United will host coaching sessions on Friday evenings starting on Friday, February 1, at Aylesford School Sports College. Female FA qualified football coaches will lead the sessions and hope to encourage more girls to play football at a young age. It is designed to improve their football skills with an element of fun.

The cost is £4 per person and is aimed at girls aged seven to 12. For details call Adrian Smith on 07801 023365.

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Gills manager Mark Stimson talks about his top three transfer targets

Your chance to be like Tiger

AMATEUR golfers have a chance to test their swing at this year's Open Championship with the launch this week of the People's Open Golf Tournament.

The final of the People's Open Golf Tournament – which will be an annual event for amateur club golfers based on the same format faced by the sport's top stars – will take place a month after the Open Championship at Royal Birkdale, following a series of regional and final qualifying tournaments around the UK in May and June.

One of the tournament's qualifying events will take place at Tudor Park Golf Club in Maidstone on May 28.

During the regional events, competitors, male and female, will each play in a three-ball from the same tee.

The top scorers from all the regional qualifying rounds will progress to a final week of qualifying at courses around the Southport area.

Entry is £75 per player. For details see www.pogt.co.uk.



Picture STEVE TERRELL

MISSED CHANCE: Stones striker Lynden Rowland wasted Maidstone United's best chance with a header wide in a disappointing defeat against ten-man Billericay Town

Walker: Players aren't up to competing at this level

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Maidstone United 0 Billericay Town 1

"I can't really fault the effort of the players, but the truth is some of them are not good enough to play at this level of football."

"I don't think it was one of those days. We created very little and there is a distinct lack of confidence running through the squad."

"It could have been a different story if a couple of the headers we had went in. We would have come away with smiles."

Maidstone's best chance of the game fell to striker Lynden Rowland on 68 minutes. Sam Tydeman floated a rare quality cross into the Billericay area and Rowland had the goal at his mercy, but put his header wide.

Rowland was forced to rue the missed chance,

as Billericay scored with ten minutes remaining on the clock. The goal had a hint of controversy as it appeared that defender Chris Smalling was fouled as Billericay striker Rikki Burbidge slotted the ball underneath Pat Mullin.

The Stones will hope to bounce back when they travel to bottom side Leyton this Saturday. Walker believes it will not be an easy game despite their position in the league, and hopes to strengthen the squad with more quality players.

Walker added: "They are tough games. Leyton have been the whipping boys in this league but Chelmsford only put two past them on Saturday."

"They are no push overs so we can't go there thinking we will get the win. We will have to fight tooth and nail for the victory."

"A lot of these players can just about cope with this level of football but we need to find players who are better and we will be striving to find them."

MAIDSTONE United boss Alan Walker claims many of his players are "not good enough" for Ryman Premier League football after failing to score for more than an hour against ten men on Saturday.

The Stones suffered their third defeat at the hands of Essex side Billericay Town this season. For more than an hour Maidstone had a man advantage after the sending off of Paul Shave for a cynical challenge on Ben Lewis on 28 minutes.

A frustrated Walker said: "I am very disappointed with the defeat as we did not show any quality. We tried to get the ball to the wide men, but unfortunately we didn't get any quality balls into the box."

"On that showing we are not good enough for this standard of football. We created only two or three chances if that and Billericay failed to create much either."



Picture STEVE TERRELL

THREE LIONS: Maidstone United defenders Chris Smalling (left) and Ashley Ulph (right) could wear the famous white shirt at Wembley now they've been selected to join the squad.

Wembley dream for duo

TWO teenage footballers are to fulfill their boyhood dreams when they line-up for England at the new Wembley Stadium.

Maidstone United defenders Chris Smalling and Ashley Ulph have been selected in the 16-man England Schoolboy's under-18 squad to compete in five matches during the spring.

The players have progressed through a number of trials after being put forward by the Kent Schools FA.

The final trial was at the National Sports Centre at Lilleshall in December. At the trial, a group of 32 of the nation's most gifted teenagers were put through

FOOTBALL

a number of tests, involving matches against the RAF and The Royal Navy.

Smalling and Ulph, who are both 18, were delighted at the news after being notified of their selection to the squad last week.

Ulph said: "I am over the moon to be called up to play for England. It is hard to take in and I can't keep my feet on the ground at the moment."

"It is every boy's dream to play at Wembley. I just can't wait to play on one of the biggest stages in football."

Both Smalling and Ulph have made appearances for Maidstone United's first team in the Ryman Premier League this season.

Smalling said: "It is an excellent feeling to be able to represent my country. It was quite unexpected really. This season at Maidstone is going quite well. The last couple of months I have been in the starting line-up a few times. It has been a good experience to play in the first team and I have learnt a lot."

The five-game spring tour begins with a match against Australia at Shrewsbury Town's New Meadow ground later this month and finishes at Wembley against Scotland in April.

Dani in shock call up to World Cup squad

GOLF

BY TOM HOWARD

DANIELLE Masters was given a surprise entry into the Women's World Cup of Golf to compete with the sport's elite over the course of the three-day event.

Masters was drafted into the England squad for the prestigious tournament following the withdrawal of team-mate Kirsty Taylor due to illness.

The 24-year-old from Maidstone partnered Trish Johnson in the English team as they finished 15th at the Gary Player Country Club course in South Africa.

Masters and Johnson opened with a five under par round of 67, which had placed them tenth at the end of day one. The second day did not start well for the English pair as they slipped down the leaderboard with a four over par round of 76.

Masters told the Ladies European Tour website: "I'd rather Kirsty have gone than me, really, it's a great opportunity for me, but it is not what I wanted my first World Cup entrance to be based on. It would have been nice to have got in playing well."

"I have such mixed emotions. I was really excited to be going to the tournament but I'm really upset about Kirsty. It is not going to be a bundle of laughs."

Masters had a consistent season on the LET, finishing 43rd on the New Star Money List with earnings of just over £50,000. The highlight of her season was a runner-up finish at the De Vere Ladies Scottish Open. Her next tournament will be a trip to Australia for the Women's Australian Open beginning on Thursday, January 31.



Picture: ADV KERRY

WORLD CUP DREAM: Danielle Masters was surprised to be representing England for the first time in South Africa

Stones' hopes shattered by Sidcup

Picture: BOB HAYTON



DEFEAT: Maidstone conceded six tries in a display which could damage their promotion hopes

PROMOTION hopes for Maidstone were severely dented after an inventive Sidcup side scored six tries in a convincing win.

Maidstone went into the game full of confidence after beating London 1 side Thanet Wanderers in the Kent Cup in their last match. The visitors started with teenage try scorer Nick Van Mol on the bench as he was replaced by veteran winger Ian Howson.

The game started in the worst way possible for Maidstone, as Sidcup smashed through their defence to score a try in the opening two minutes. Maidstone replied immediately with a try from winger Chris Legatt, who charged down a Sidcup kick and raced for the try line.

However, Sidcup regained the lead with a successful penalty minutes later. The home side then stamped their authority on the fixture with two well worked tries, which took the score to 24-5 after just 20 minutes.

RUGBY

Sidcup 43 Maidstone 15

The Maidstone defence was breached yet again towards the end of the first half when the Sidcup winger sprinted the length of the pitch to score a try in the corner.

Maidstone slowly began to get back into the game with a try two minutes after the restart. Nick Taylor barged his way through the Sidcup defenders to crash over the line. The try cut the deficit to 31-15.

The home side did not drop their efforts and scored another two tries to take the final score to 43-15. Maidstone will need to bounce back fast if they want to achieve promotion to London 1 this season. This Saturday Maidstone are at home to Guildford, who are third from bottom in the league. A win could see them rise to fourth.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

League leaders keep their distance at the top

SNODLAND FC were unable to overcome Kent County League leaders Norton Sports as they put four past The Reds.

The 4-1 defeat keeps Snodland in seventh place in the league.

However, the result has seen the gap between their rivals above them increase. They will hope to bounce back when they face second-placed Hollands & Blair this Saturday.

The game between Bearsted and bottom side Crockenhill was postponed due to a water-logged pitch.

Russetts show no mercy in thrashing Dartford

SUTTON Valence Russetts hockey team scored goals for fun on Saturday as they convincingly defeated Dartford.

The Russetts won 7-0 against the bottom of the league side, who have only secured one victory all season.

The result pushes Sutton Valence to within three points of the top of the Kent Ladies Division six.

A win against Meopham this Saturday could see them move into second place in the league.

Bulls are determined to claim win against Lewes

AFTER the wet weather put paid to their fixture with Tonbridge Juddians last Saturday, Aylesford Bulls will hope for victory against Lewes this week.

The Jack Williams Ground, Aylesford, will host the fixture this Saturday as the Bulls hope to continue their march up the London South East 3 table.

In the previous meeting, the Bulls were 22-18 winners at Lewes.

A win could lift Aylesford into third place behind Dover.

Maidstone earn their first win of the year

A DESERVED 1-0 victory against Brighton & Hove saw Maidstone men's 1st XI secure their first win of the year.

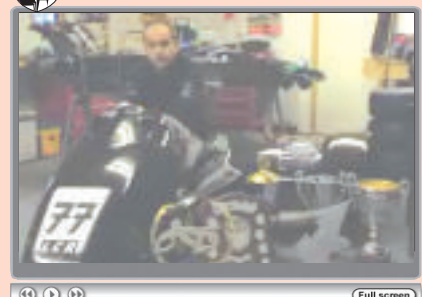
The team went into the fixture knowing the match was a game they should win with Brighton & Hove languishing in the bottom half of the South Hockey Premier League.

One goal proved enough for the win and the result moves Maidstone up to seventh, just four points adrift of fifth-placed Oxford University.

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